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*Quilla*, mysterious island priestess, baits a death trap for **CAPTAIN DARING**





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# BE A SUCCESS AS A RADIO-TELEVISION TECHNICIAN

**TWO  
FREE BOOKS  
SHOW HOW  
MAIL COUPON**

*America's Fast Growing Industry  
Offers You...*

## I TRAINED THESE MEN AT HOME



### OWNS SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

"Today I am considered an expert Radio-Television Technician. I have four employees working in my shop. Repair business has doubled."—PAUL MILLER, Toledo, Ohio.

### RADIO ENGINEER ABC NETWORK

"4 years ago, I was a bookkeeper with a hand-to-mouth salary. Now I am a Radio Engineer with key station of the ABC network."—NORMAN H. WARD, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.



### \$5 TO \$10 WEEK IN SPARE TIME

"While learning, made \$5 to \$10 a week in spare time. Now have a spare time shop in my home and earn as high as \$25 a week."—LEANDER ARNOLD, Pontiac, Michigan.

### SERVICING BUSINESS PROFITABLE

"For the past two years, I have been operating my own Servicing business. Net profit, \$5,850. N.R.I. training made it possible."—PHILIP G. BROGAN, Louisville, Kentucky.



### GETS FIRST JOB THROUGH N.R.I.

"My first job, with KOLR, was obtained for me by your Graduate Service Dept. Am now Chief Engineer, Police Radio Station WQOX."—T. S. NORTON, Hamilton, Ohio.

### SEES PROFIT IN RADIO-TELEVISION

"I am operating my own Radio Sales and Service business. With FM and Television, we are looking forward to a very profitable future."—ALBERT PATRICK, Tampa, Florida.



### SPARE TIME SERVICE PAYS WELL

"Work only in spare time at Radio and average about \$40 a month. Knew nothing about Radio before enrolling with N.R.I."—SAMUEL T. DEWALD, St. Clair, Pennsylvania.

## 1. EXTRA MONEY IN SPARE TIME

As part of my servicing course, I send you SPECIAL BOOKLETS starting the day you enroll that show how you can make \$5, \$10 or more a week EXTRA fixing neighbors' Radios in spare time while learning. Tester you build with parts I send helps.

## 2. GOOD PAY JOB

Your next step is a good job installing and servicing Radio-Television sets, or becoming boss of your own Radio-Television Sales and Service Shop, or getting a good job in a Broadcasting Station. In 1945, there were 943 Radio Stations. Today, about 2,700 are on the air! Result—thousands of qualified men stepped into good jobs. Then add developments in FM, Two-Way Radio, Police, Aviation, Marine, Micro-wave Relay Radio. Think what this means! New jobs, more jobs, good pay for qualified men.

## 3. BRIGHT FUTURE

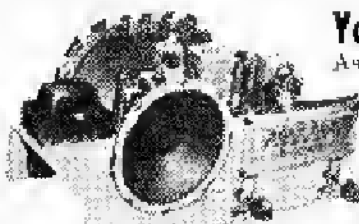
And think of the opportunities in Television. Only 19 Stations were on the air in 1947. Today, more than fifty. And the experts say there will be over 1,000 within three years. Manufacturers are producing over 100,000 Television sets a month. Be a successful Radio-Television Operator or Technician... get in line for success and a bright future in America's fastest-growing industry!



## I Will Train You at Home You Practice Servicing or Communications with MANY KITS

I've trained hundreds of men with no previous experience to be successful TECHNICIANS. I will train you, too. Or now you can enroll for my NEW practical course in Radio-Television Communications. Train for your FCC operator's or technician's license. You learn Radio-Television theory from clear, illustrated lessons in my tested home study courses.

As part of both my Servicing and Communications course, I send you MANY KITS of modern equipment that "bring to life" theory you learn.



### You Build This MODERN RADIO

As part of my Servicing course, I send you speaker, tubes, chassis, loop antenna, transformer, EVERYTHING you need to build this modern Radio. Use it to conduct many valuable tests and practice servicing. It's yours to keep.

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As part of my New Communications course, I send parts to build this low-power broadcasting Transmitter that shows how to put a station "on the air." Perform procedures demanded of Broadcast Station operators, conduct many tests, experiments. It's yours to keep.



Building circuits, conducting experiments with them, introducing and repairing defects, gives you valuable, practical experience. (Some of the equipment you get is shown below.) Everything I send is yours to keep.

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Coupon entitles you to ACTUAL LESSON on Radio Servicing with many pictures and diagrams plus my 64-page book, "HOW TO BE A SUCCESS IN RADIO-TELEVISION" . . . both FREE. See what my graduates are doing and earning. Send coupon today. J. E. SMITH, President, Dept. 0DA3, National Radio Institute, Pioneer Home Study Radio School, Washington 9, D. C.

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# Captain DARING

SAVAGES ONCE RULED THE NEW WORLD...THEY HOPED TO RULE AGAIN!

IT WAS THE MYSTERIOUS *QUILLA*, PRIESTESS OF THE IDOL *SETEBOS*, WHO INSPIRED THEM!

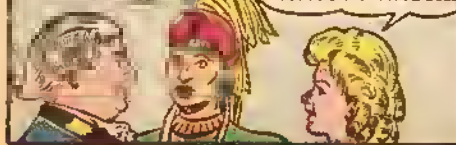
THE EXISTENCE OF THE COLONIES TREMBLED IN THE BALANCE! THE IDOL *SETEBOS* COULD SAVE THEM!



A THREATENED NATIVE UPRISING IS AVERTED BY THE DIPLOMACY OF SIR MARK DRAYTON, GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY OF ILLYRIA...

CHIEF RANGO, IT IS DECIDED THEN... WE COLONISTS WILL KEEP TO THE COASTLINE, YOUR WARRIORS WILL NOT VENTURE FROM THE JUNGLE!

I AM THE GOVERNOR'S NIECE... LADY DOLORES! I DARE HOPE THAT YOUR TRIBESMEN WILL PAY FRIENDLY VISITS AT TIMES...



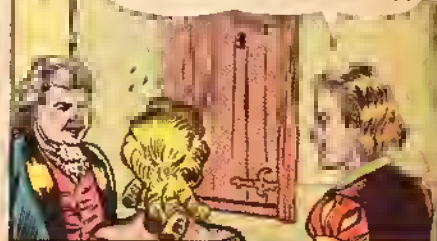
SHALL WE SHAKE HANDS ON THE AGREEMENT?

I AM A CHIEF OF MY PEOPLE! WE MAKE TREATIES WITH MEN...NOT WOMEN!



HE'S ONLY A SAVAGE, MY DEAR! DON'T VEX YOUR PRETTY HEAD OVER HIS REBUFF...THE IMPORTANT THING IS, WE'VE MADE PEACE WITH HIS PEOPLE! RIGHT, CAPTAIN DARING?

RIGHT, SIR MARK! AND MY SHIP CAN SAIL ON ITS SAFETY PATROL OF THE COLONIAL WATERS!





AS CHIEF RANGO DEPARTS INTO THE WILDERNESS BEYOND THE COLONY...

HA, IT IS THE COWARDLY CHIEF RANGO! EVEN HERE IN THE JUNGLE HAVE WE HEARD OF YOUR PEACE-MAKING WITH THE EVIL STRANGERS OF THE COLONY!



XOCTIL...CHIEFTAIN OF MY TRIBE'S ANCIENT ENEMIES! I MAKE PEACE WITH THE COLONISTS, BUT NOT WITH YOU! DEFEND YOURSELF!

NO! DO NOT KILL EACH OTHER... SAVE YOUR BLOWS FOR YOUR **TRUE ENEMIES!** I COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT GOD **SETEBOS!**



HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE IN MEN'S DOINGS, WOMAN? AND WHY SPEAK THE NAME OF SETEBOS? HE DESERTEO HIS **PEOPLE WHEN THE WHITE MAN CAME!**

I AM OUILLA...THE SOLE REMAINING PRIESTESS OF SETEBOS! HE STILL LIVES, COMMANDING YOU TO TAKE BACK FROM THE COLONISTS YOUR LANOS!



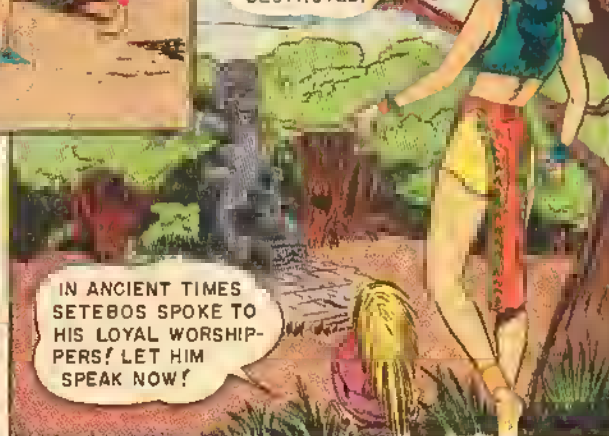
BUT HOW COULD MY TRIBE FIGHT BOTH THE COLONISTS AND XOCTIL'S HOSTILE WARRIORS?

BECAUSE YOUR TRIBES WAR AGAINST EACH OTHER, THEY ARE WEAK BEFORE THE COLONISTS! SETEBOS BIDS YOU **JOIN FORCES!** FOLLOW ME!



IT IS FOR YOU TO CONVINCE US!

HERE IS SETEBOS... THE IMAGE LONG AGO REPORTED DESTROYED!



IN ANCIENT TIMES SETEBOS SPOKE TO HIS LOYAL WORSHIPERS! LET HIM SPEAK NOW!

I...SPEAK! FORGET... OLD...HATREDS! FIGHT... TOGETHER...AGAINST... COLONISTS!

YOU ASKED FOR HIS VOICE...YOU HEAR IT!



THEN, AT THE GOD'S COMMAND, WE WILL BE ALLIES! BUT EVEN OUR COMBINED FORCES MAY NOT BE ENOUGH!

DEEPER IN THE JUNGLE ARE OTHER TRIBES! LET US SEND SMOKE SIGNALS TO SUMMON THEM FOR A COUNCIL!



AND SO IT HAPPENS, AS CAPTAIN OARING SAILS ON HIS VOYAGE OF SURVEY...

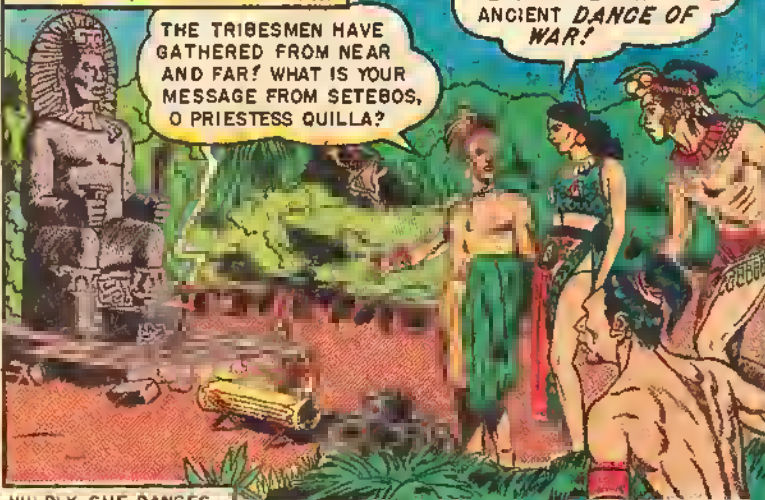
THEM FIRES IN THE JUNGLE, CAP'N... O'YE THINK THEY MIGHT BE SWEEPIN' TOWARD ILLYRIA COLONY?

MAYHAP, PATCH! SUPPOSE WE SAIL BACK TO SEE...WE CAN BE THERE BY TOMORROW'S HIGH TIDE!

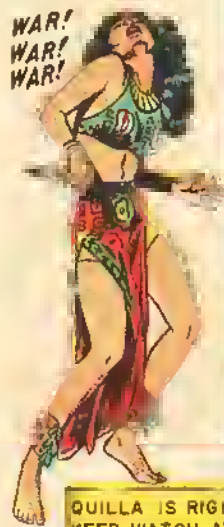




MEANWHILE, AS NIGHT FALLS...



WILDLY SHE DANCES, SETTING AFLAME THE WARLIKE SPIRIT OF THE TRIBESMEN...



HE BIDS ME DANCE THE ANCIENT DANCE OF WAR!

YES, WAR! WE'LL SWEEP THE INVADERS BACK INTO THE SEA FROM WHICH THEY CAME!



THE MYSTERIOUS PRIESTESS BEGINS HER DANCE...

BEAT THE DRUM! THUS DID OUR ANCESTORS SIGNAL THE COMING OF BATTLE!



WE ATTACK AT DAWN! SINCE THEIR PEACE TREATY WITH RANGO, THEY WILL KEEP NO WATCH!



QUILLA IS RIGHT! NO SENTRIES KEEP WATCH AT THE STOCKADE, BUT...



I WAKENED EARLY, THINKING OF CAPTAIN DARING! I WONDER IF HE THINKS OF ME!

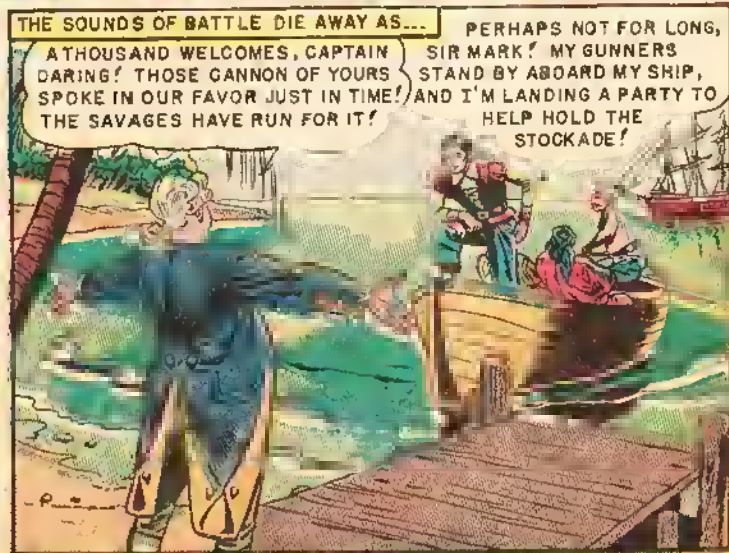
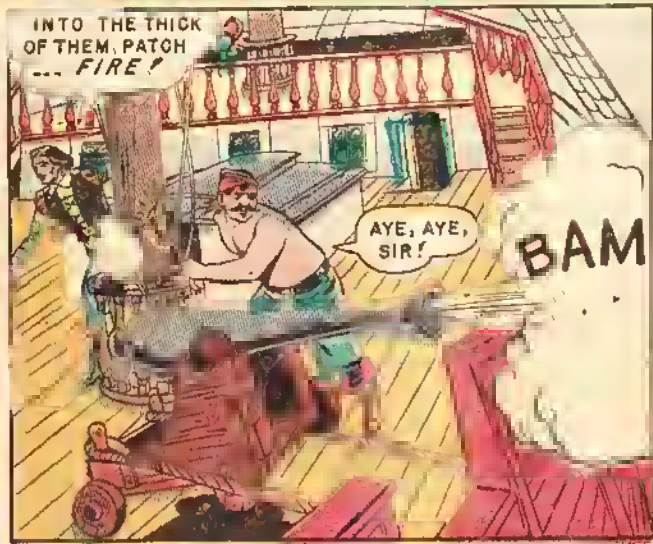
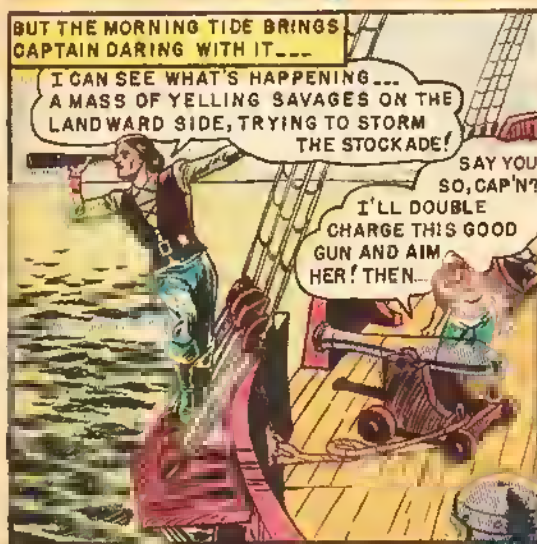
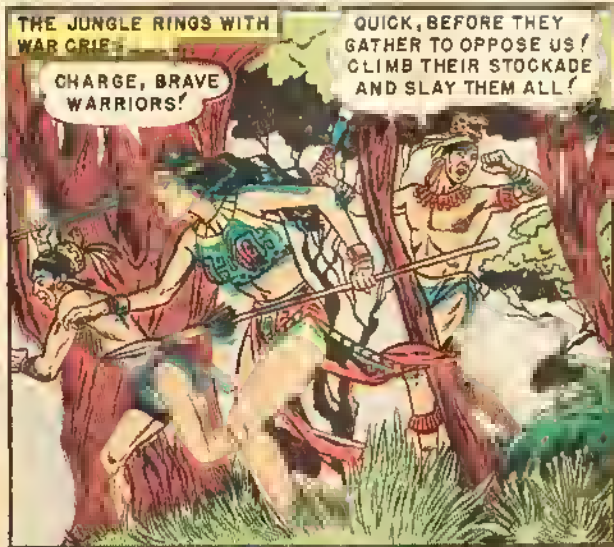
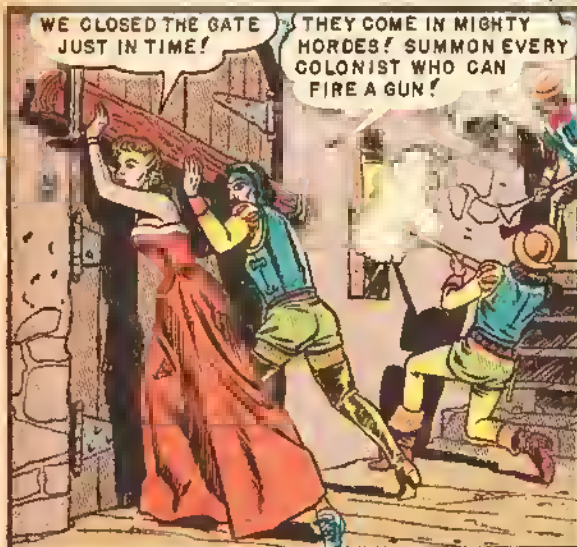


THE NATIVES... THEY ARE CHARGING FROM THE JUNGLE!

WAKEN, EVERY MOTHER'S SON OF YOU! MAN THE STOCKADE... OPEN FIRE!









FROM THE GUN PORTS WE SAW  
A MIGHTY HOST OF NATIVES...  
THEY WERE LED BY XDCTIL  
AND RANCD!

PLAGUE TAKE ME,  
THAT'S DDD! XDCTIL'S  
PEOPLE FUGHT RANCD'S  
EVEN BEFORE THE  
FIRST COLDNISTS  
LANDED AT ILLYRIA!



BUT THE NATIVES HAVE NOT RETREATED  
FAR...

IF SETEBOS TRULY WANTED US TO  
FIGHT, WHY DID HE NOT CAUSE  
US TO WIN?

I THINK HE IS ABOUT  
TO ANSWER THAT  
QUESTION HIM-  
SELF!



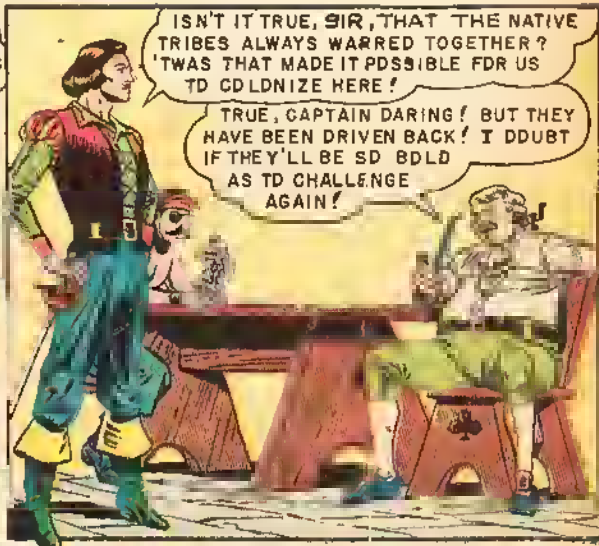
NEITHER RANCO NOR I CAN BE THAT  
MESSENGER! THE COLONISTS' SAW US  
LEADING OUR WARRIORS AGAINST THEM!

NO, IT WILL NEED A WISER AND COOLER  
HEAD... I, MYSELF, WILL GO! HARK  
YOU TO MY ORDERS!



ISN'T IT TRUE, SIR, THAT THE NATIVE  
TRIBES ALWAYS WARRIED TOGETHER?  
'T WAS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US  
TO COLDNIZE HERE!

TRUE, CAPTAIN DARING! BUT THEY  
HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BACK! I DOUBT  
IF THEY'LL BE SO BOLD  
AS TO CHALLENGE  
AGAIN!



COLONISTS... WILL... RELAX!  
USE... HEADS... AS... WELL... AS...  
HANDS... TO... SMASH... THEM!

SETEBOS IS ALL-KNOWING, AS  
USUAL! WE MUST PLAN A CLEVER  
TRICK TO DEFEAT THEM! SEND A  
MESSENGER TO THEM, PRETENDING  
PEACE...



AS I RUN TOWARD THEIR GATE,  
SEND SHAFTS AFTER ME! THUS WILL  
THEY THINK YOU WISH MY DEATH, AND  
WILL LET ME IN!

WELL PLANNED,  
DUILLA! TRULY,  
SETEBOS INSPIRES  
YOU!





QUILLA PUTS HER PLAN INTO ACTION...

OPEN THE GATE!  
THE NATIVES ARE  
PURSUING A FUGITIVE!



WHAT HAPPENS, FAIR  
STRANGER? ANOTHER  
ATTACK FROM THE  
JUNGLE?

I OVERHEARD  
THEIR PLANS,  
AND SPED TO  
WARN YOU!



EGAD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
FRIENDSHIP! WHAT BRINGS A NATIVE  
PRINCESS TO JOIN OUR SIDE?

MY ADMIRATION FOR  
**CAPTAIN DARING!** EVEN  
IN OUR REMOTE VILLAGE,  
THE FAME OF HIS COURAGE  
HAS PENETRATED!



LOVELY AS A SAVAGE GODDESS,  
IS SHE NOT, CAPTAIN DARING?  
BUT I DISLIKE HER!

GREAT GOVERNOR, THE  
CHIEFTAINS OF THE ENEMY  
HOST SAY THEY WILL DELAY  
THEIR NEXT ATTACK UNTIL  
DAWN, AS BEFORE! UNTIL  
THAT TIME, YOU MAY RELAX  
YOUR GUARD!



LET THE MEN REST! WE ARE TOO  
FEW TO KEEP GUARD WHEN IT IS  
NOT NECESSARY!

YOU PUT US IN YOUR DEBT,  
BRAVE ONE! IN WHAT WAY  
MAY WE REWARD YOU?



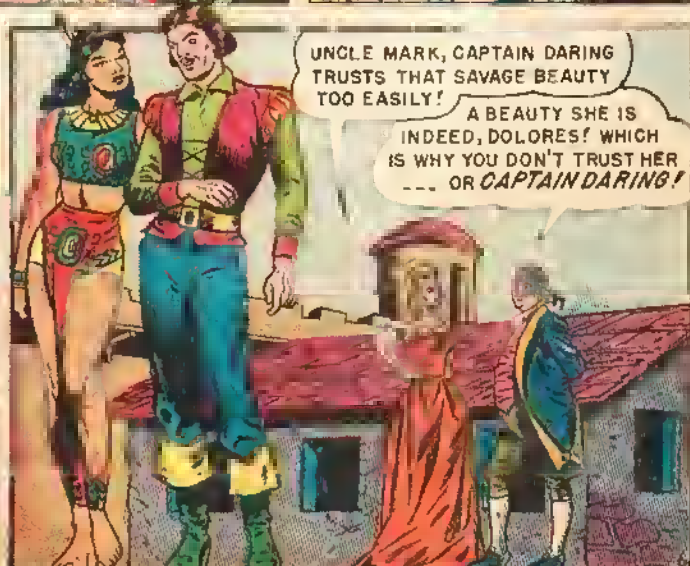
I HAVE HEARD TALES OF  
YOUR MIRACLES...  
THUNDER AND  
LIGHTNING AT  
YOUR COMMAND...

YOU MEAN GUN-  
POWDER! PERHAPS  
YOU'D LIKE TO SEE  
OUR ARSENAL!

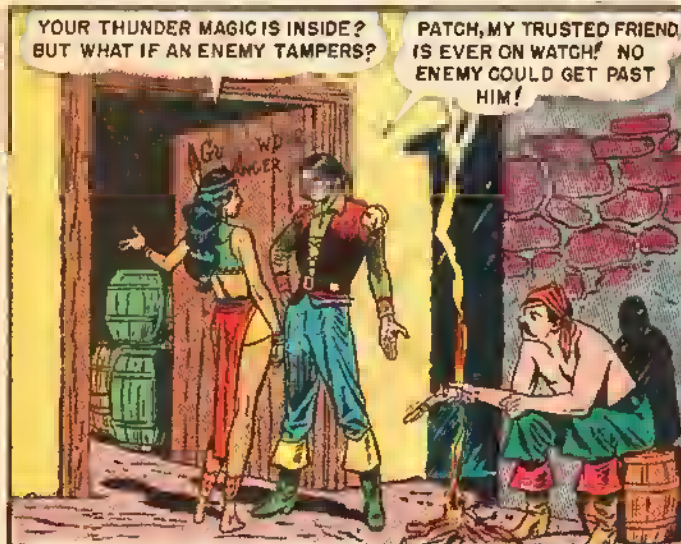


UNCLE MARK, CAPTAIN DARING  
TRUSTS THAT SAVAGE BEAUTY  
TOO EASILY!

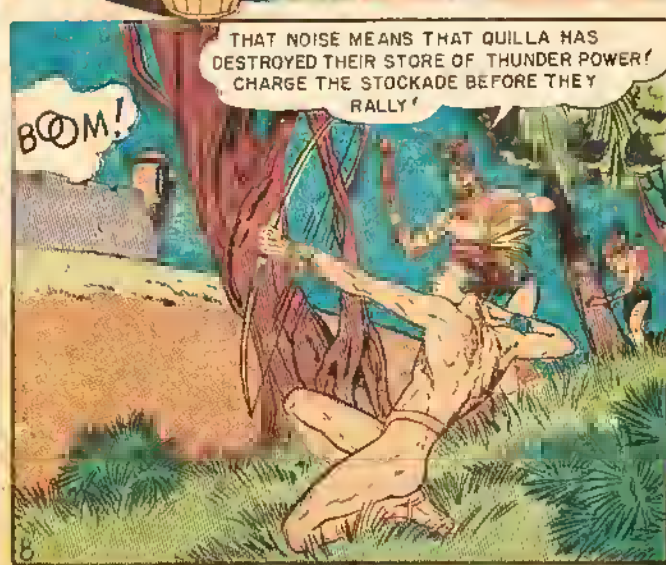
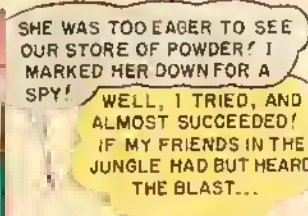
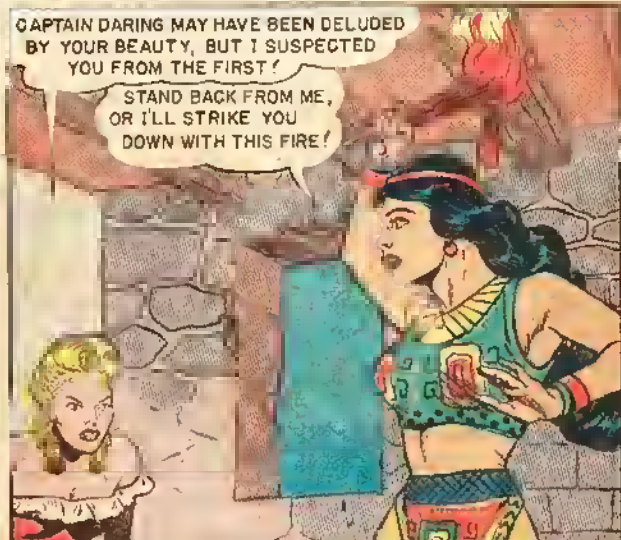
A BEAUTY SHE IS  
INDEED, DOLORES! WHICH  
IS WHY YOU DON'T TRUST HER  
... OR CAPTAIN DARING!













BUT, AS THE NATIVES DRIVE HOME THEIR CHARGE ON THE SETTLEMENT...

OUT AND AT THEM, LADS! COUNTER-ATTACK!



THIS IS ONE OF THEIR CHIEFS! SEIZE HIM!

WE ARE BETRAYED! RUN!



HERE'S THE OTHER CHIEF... AT THE VERY SIDE OF HIS FALSE IDOL!

AT THE FEET OF SETEBOS, I WILL LAY YOUR DEAD BODY FOR A SACRIFICE!



I AM DISARMED! KILL ME!

NO, YOUR LIFE SHALL BE SPARED! GATHER HERE, MEN... BRING YOUR PRISONERS!



SETEBOS HAS DECEIVED US! HIS VOICE ORDERED US TO ATTACK!

SAY YOU SO? THE IMAGE SPOKE TO YOU?



PATCH, BRING HITHER THAT FIRELOCK AND SEND AN DUNCE OF LEAD THROUGH THIS HEATHEN GOD!

NO! NO! DON'T FIRE! I SURRENDER!



I CONFESS! I HID INSIDE THE HOLLOW IMAGE AND SPOKE TO DECEIVE THE SAVAGES INTO ATTACKING YOU!

I KNOW THIS RASCAL! MASTER FENTON BRINT, A VAGABOND AND THIEF WE BANISHED FROM ILLYRIA!





I'VE HEARD OF FENTON BRINT!  
IF THIS IS HE, THEN THE LADY  
IS NO NATIVE, BUT...

AYE! MY NAME IS  
TRISSA PARLEY! FENTON  
BRINT'S PARTNER WHO  
PLAYED THE PART OF A  
NATIVE PRIESTESS TO  
HELP STIR THE NATIVES  
TO WAR!

AND AS FOR THESE  
LEADERS OF THE SAVAGE  
ATTACKERS, I CONDEMN  
THEM TO...

HAVE PATIENCE, SIR  
MARK! IF I HAVE SERVED  
YOUR COLONY WELL, GIVE  
ME THE RIGHT TO SETTLE  
THE MATTER!



WE WERE FOOLS, PERSUADED  
BY LIARS! IF CAPTAIN DARING  
ORDERS US SLAIN, WE DESERVE  
IT!

YOU WILL HELP US MORE  
AS LIVING MEN THAN DEAD  
ONES! THIS LITTLE  
SKIRMISH HAS TAUGHT  
YOU THAT ILLYRIA COLONY  
IS NOT TO BE DESTROYED!

IT HAS ALSO CAUSED YOU  
TO BE ALLIES INSTEAD OF  
ENEMIES! LIVE HENCEFORTH  
IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER  
AND WITH US!

WE HAVE HAD  
ENOUGH OF WAR!  
LET IT BE AS  
CAPTAIN DARING  
SAYS!



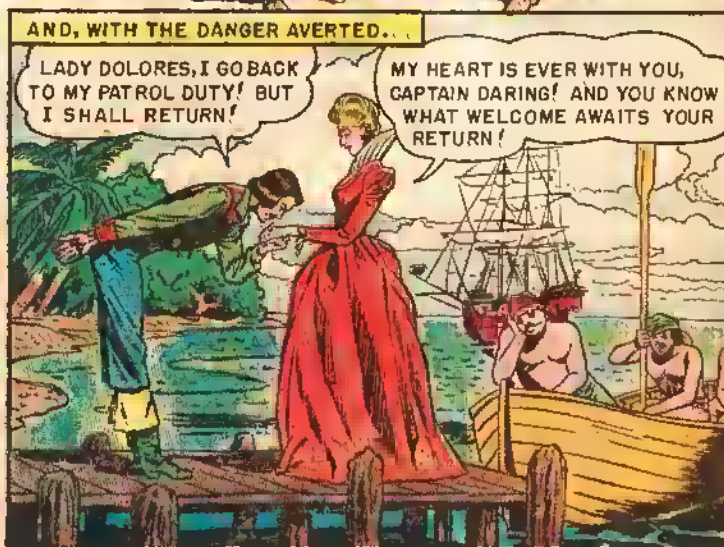
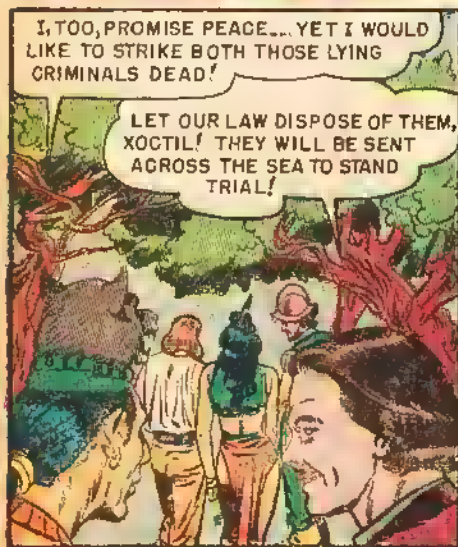
I, TOO, PROMISE PEACE... YET I WOULD  
LIKE TO STRIKE BOTH THOSE LYING  
CRIMINALS DEAD!

LET OUR LAW DISPOSE OF THEM,  
XOCTIL! THEY WILL BE SENT  
ACROSS THE SEA TO STAND  
TRIAL!

AND, WITH THE DANGER AVERTED...

LADY DOLORES, I GO BACK  
TO MY PATROL DUTY! BUT  
I SHALL RETURN!

MY HEART IS EVER WITH YOU,  
CAPTAIN DARING! AND YOU KNOW  
WHAT WELCOME AWAITS YOUR  
RETURN!





# The SPANISH MAIN



THE PIRATES LOOTED BISCO  
BAY...

PART OF THEIR LOOT WAS LEAN,  
GOLDEN-HAIRED *DICKON*! WHAT  
WOULD COME OF THIS PRIZE  
FROM THE PILLORY???

THE SEA-ROVER *CUTLASS* RAIDS THE COLONY  
AT BISCO BAY...

SPRING ASHORE, ME  
HEARTIES! THE  
GDWARDLY GOLDNISTS  
MUST HAVE KNOWN  
WE'D COME---THEY'RE  
HEADING FOR THE  
WOODS!

AYE, AYE, CAP'N  
DOUBLDON! AND DIDN'T  
WE HEAR THEY SENT  
FOR *RICHARD ROYAL*.  
THE MASTER PIRATE-  
KILLER?



WHEN THEY FLED,  
HEY LEFT THEIR GOLD  
BEHIND, CAP'N!

SINK ME, SOMEBDDY  
STAYED--- HE *HAD* TO!  
THIS SORRY-LOOKING  
LAD IN THE PILLORY!





THE LUBBER MAKES A FIRST-RATE TARGET! LET ME SEE HOW MUCH LEAD HE CAN CARRY...

AVAST SHOOTING! REMEMBER... WE HAVE A COOK, AND THE COOK LACKS A SCULLION SINCE WE LOST ONE OVERBOARD!



COME OUT OF THAT WOODEN COLLAR, YOU SWAB, AND JOIN US! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

THEY CALL ME DICKON, SIR!



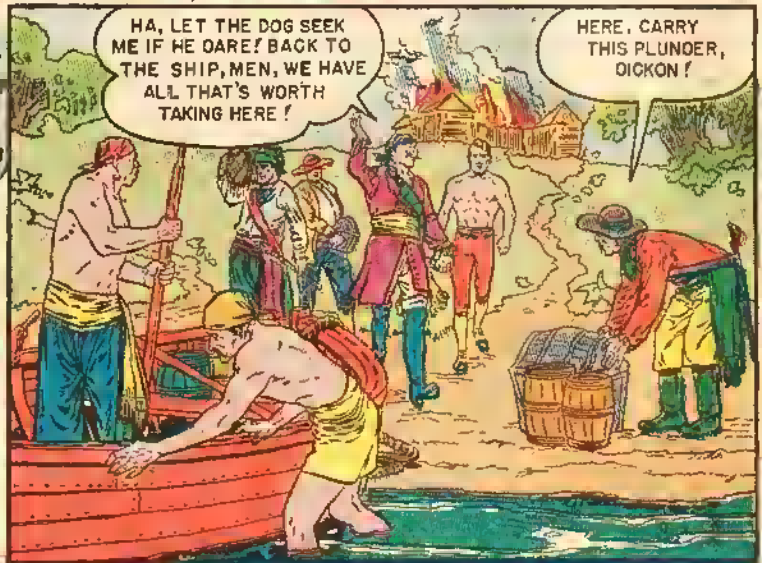
HARKEE, DICKON! HAST EVER SEEN THIS PIRATE-SLAYER, RICHARD ROYAL?

WELL...NEVER FACE TO FACE, CAPTAIN! BUT THEY SAY HE'S BEEN SUMMONED TO FIND AND DESTROY CAPTAIN DOUBLOON!



HA, LET THE DOG SEEK ME IF HE DARE! BACK TO THE SHIP, MEN, WE HAVE ALL THAT'S WORTH TAKING HERE!

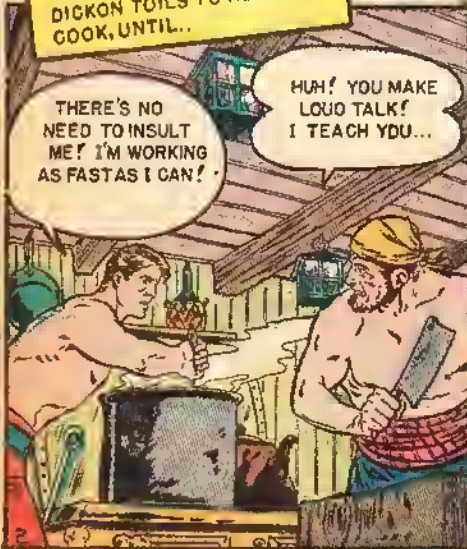
HERE, CARRY THIS PLUNDER, DICKON!



ABOARD THE CUTLASS, DICKON TOILS TO HELP THE COOK, UNTIL...

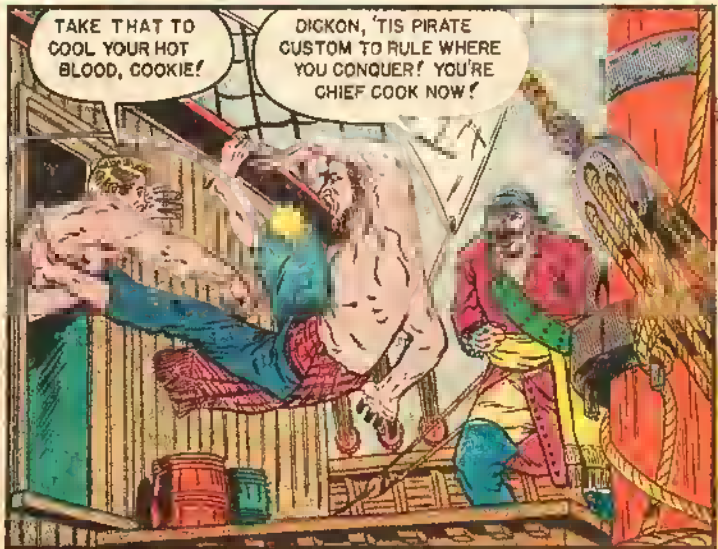
THERE'S NO NEED TO INSULT ME! I'M WORKING AS FAST AS I CAN!

HUH! YOU MAKE LOUD TALK! I TEACH YOU...



TAKE THAT TO COOL YOUR HOT BLOOD, COOKIE!

DICKON, 'TIS PIRATE CUSTOM TO RULE WHERE YOU CONQUER! YOU'RE CHIEF COOK NOW!

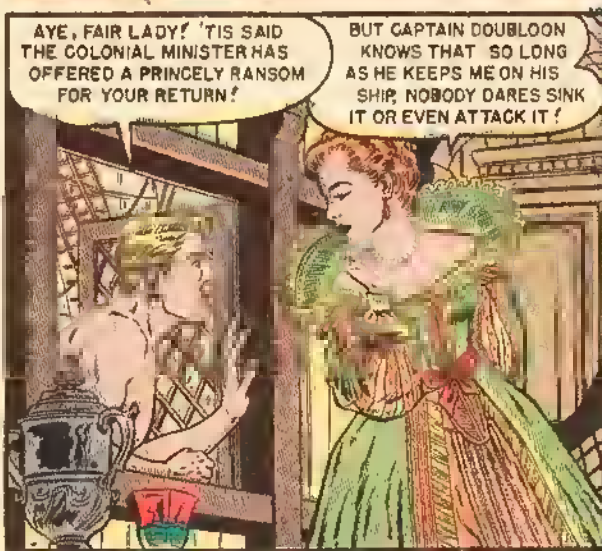






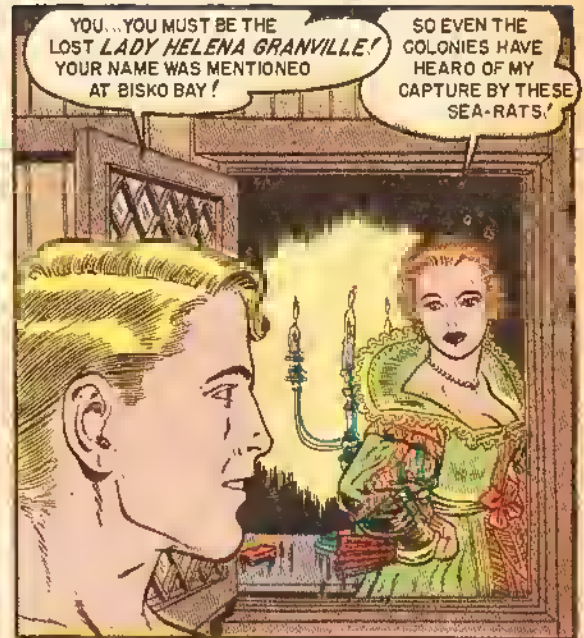
AND, AS COOK, ONE OF YOUR  
OUTIES IS TO WAIT ON OUR **PRIZE  
CAPTIVE**, LOCKEO YONDER  
IN THE CABIN!

AYE, AYE,  
CAPTAIN DOOBLOON!



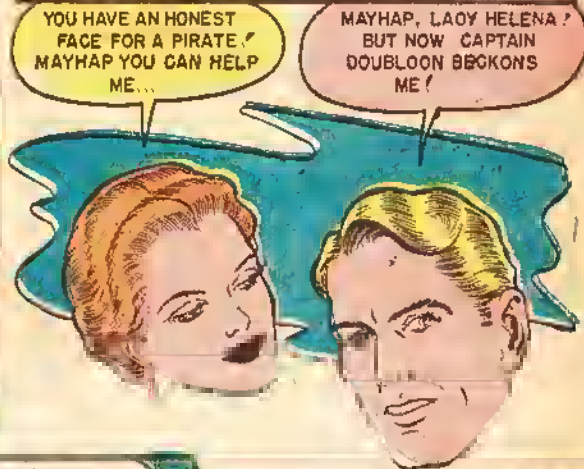
AYE, FAIR LADY! 'TIS SAID  
THE COLONIAL MINISTER HAS  
OFFERED A PRINCELY RANSOM  
FOR YOUR RETURN!

BUT CAPTAIN DOOBLOON  
KNOWS THAT SO LONG  
AS HE KEEPS ME ON HIS  
SHIP, NOBODY DARES SINK  
IT OR EVEN ATTACK IT!



YOU... YOU MUST BE THE  
**LOST LADY HELENA GRANVILLE!**  
YOUR NAME WAS MENTIONED  
AT BISCO BAY!

SO EVEN THE  
COLONIES HAVE  
HEARD OF MY  
CAPTURE BY THESE  
SEA-RATS!



YOU HAVE AN HONEST  
FACE FOR A PIRATE.  
MAYHAP YOU CAN HELP  
ME...

MAYHAP, LADY HELENA!  
BUT NOW CAPTAIN  
DOOBLOON BECKONS  
ME!



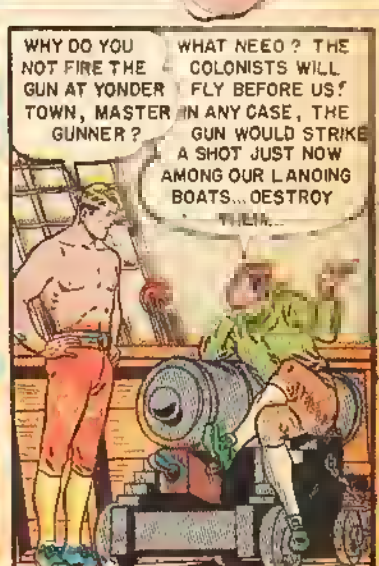
MASTER DICKON,  
YONDER IS ANOTHER  
COLONY WHICH  
WE SHALL RAID!

AND YOU WANT  
ME TO JOIN THE  
LANDING PARTY,  
BELIKE?



NOT SO... YOU'RE OUR COOK, AND  
WE LEAVE YOU ON BOARD  
TO PREPARE A FEAST AGAINST  
OUR VICTORIOUS RETURN!

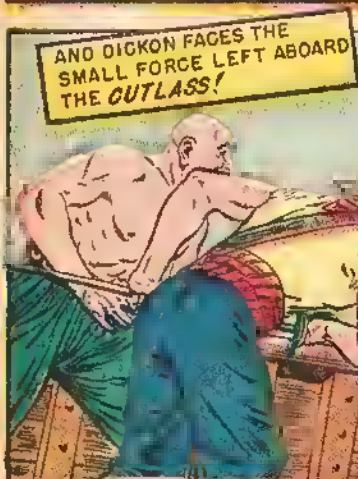
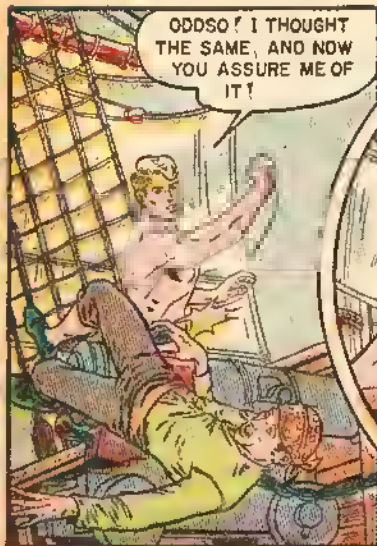
**BOATS  
AWAY!**



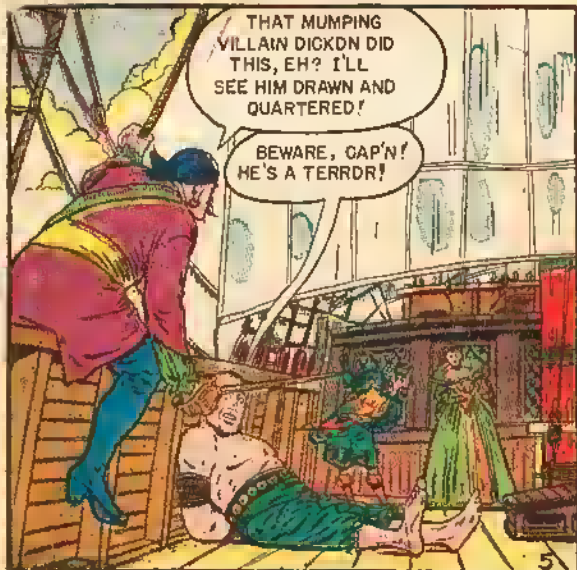
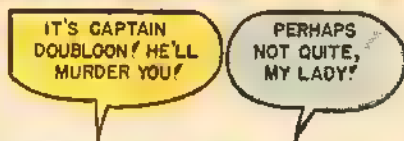
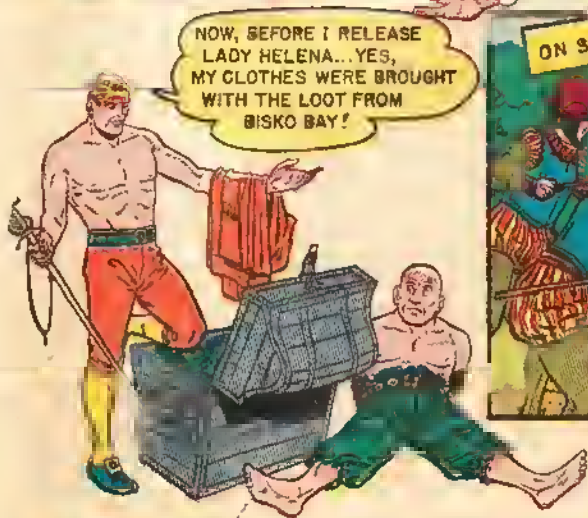
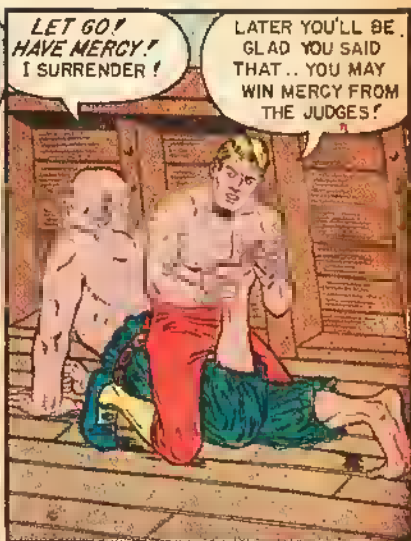
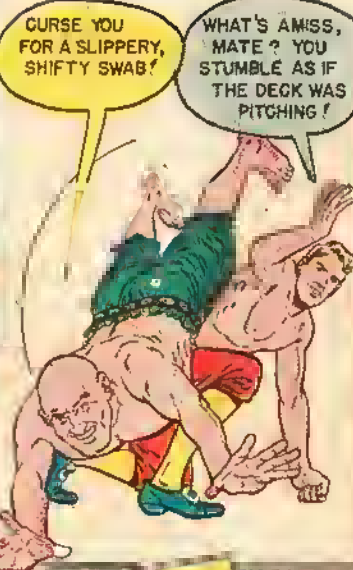
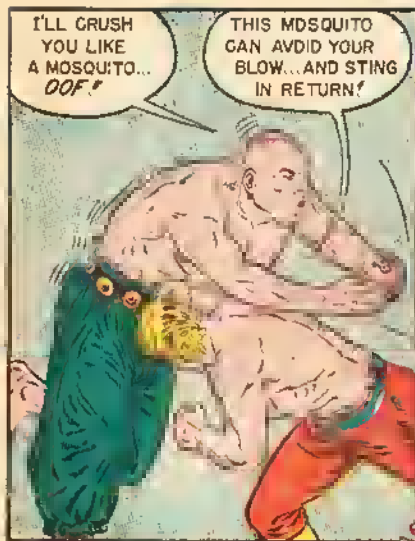
WHY DO YOU  
NOT FIRE THE  
GUN AT YONDER  
TOWN, MASTER  
GUNNER?

WHAT NEED? THE  
COLONISTS WILL  
FLY BEFORE US!  
IN ANY CASE, THE  
GUN WOULD STRIKE  
A SHOT JUST NOW  
AMONG OUR LANDING  
BOATS... OESTROY  
THEM...







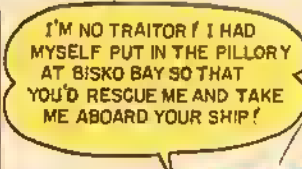




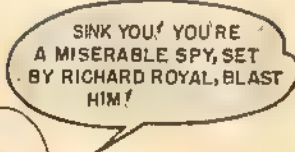


TRAITOR!  
BETRAYER! TAKE  
THAT...

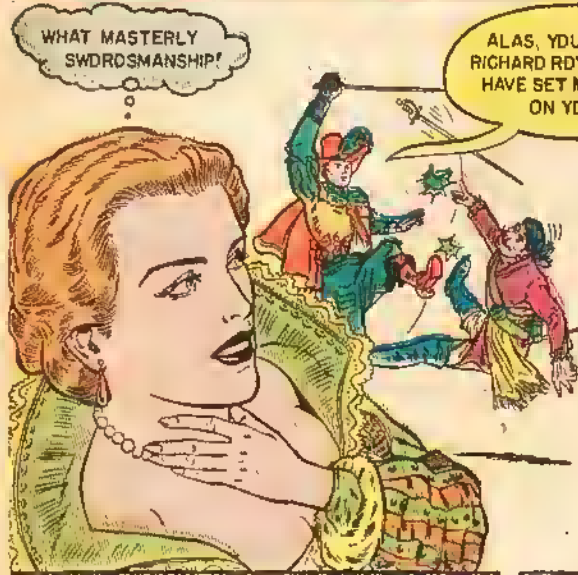
TAKE  
WHAT,  
CAPTAIN?



I'M NO TRAITOR! I HAD  
MYSELF PUT IN THE PILLORY  
AT BISCO BAY SO THAT  
YOU'D RESCUE ME AND TAKE  
ME ABOARD YOUR SHIP!



SINK YOU! YOU'RE  
A MISERABLE SPY, SET  
BY RICHARD ROYAL, BLAST  
HIM!



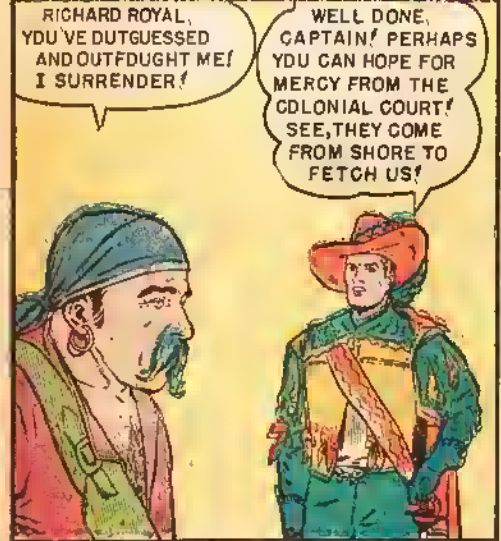
WHAT MASTERLY  
SWDROSMANSHIP!

ALAS, YOU'RE WRONG!  
RICHARD ROYAL COULD NOT  
HAVE SET ME TO SPY  
ON YOU...



YOU SEE...  
I AM RICHARD ROYAL,  
THE PIRATE-HUNTER!

I TRIED TO  
TELL YOU, CAP'TN,  
AND YOU WOULDN'T  
LISTEN!



RICHARD ROYAL,  
YOU'VE OUTGUESSED  
AND OUTFOUGHT ME!  
I SURRENDER!

WELL DONE,  
CAPTAIN! PERHAPS  
YOU CAN HOPE FOR  
MERCY FROM THE  
COLONIAL COURT!  
SEE, THEY COME  
FROM SHORE TO  
FETCH US!



RICHARD ROYAL, YOU HAVE  
ENDED FOR ALL TIME CAPTAIN  
DOUBLOON'S RAMPANT  
RAIDING! THE COLONIAL  
GOVERNMENT WILL  
REWARD YOU---

LADY HELENA'S MANNER  
MAKES ME DARE HOPE THAT  
IT IS *SHE* WHO WILL REWARD  
ME, SIR!



# ERIC FALCON



**WITCHCRAFT!!**  
OUR COLONIAL FATHERS  
FEARED IT AS A  
PLAGUE THAT COULD DE-  
STROY A WHOLE PEOPLE.  
THEY FOUGHT IT GRIMLY  
AND MERCILESSLY!  
**ERIC FALCON** HAD HIS  
TASTE OF THE WITCH-  
CRAFT MENACE WHEN...

A SHIP LANDS AT THE DOCK IN FARBURN COLONY'S HARBOR... AND, AS ERIC FALCON COMES ASHORE...

EGAD, THERE IS ADVENTURE AT THE VERY WATER'S EDGE! BRING MY CHEST ASHORE, FRIEND, AND WAIT A MOMENT FOR YOUR PAY!



BLACK CURSES ON THE WITCH-GIRL! BURN HER WITH FIRE!

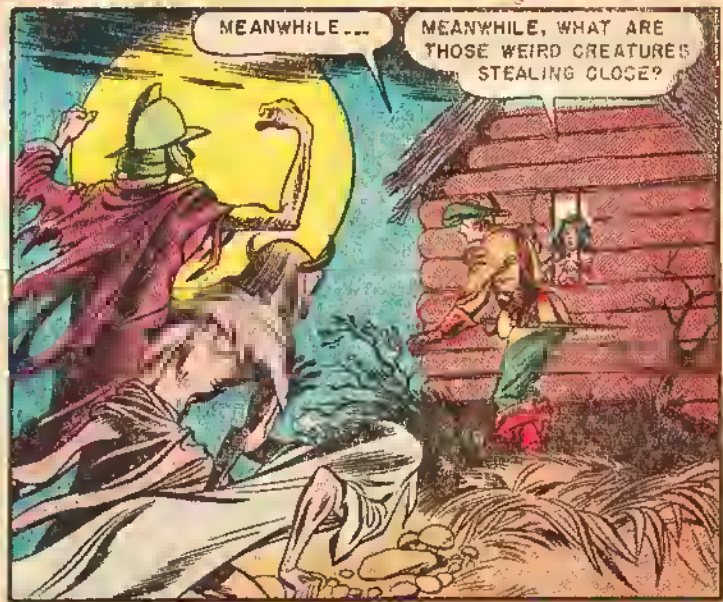
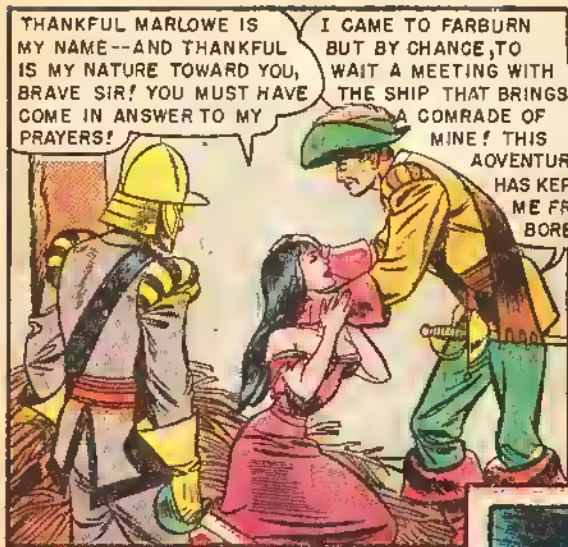
WAIT, FRIENDS! FOR SHAME! SO MANY STOUT MEN AGAINST ONE POOR, PRETTY LASS!









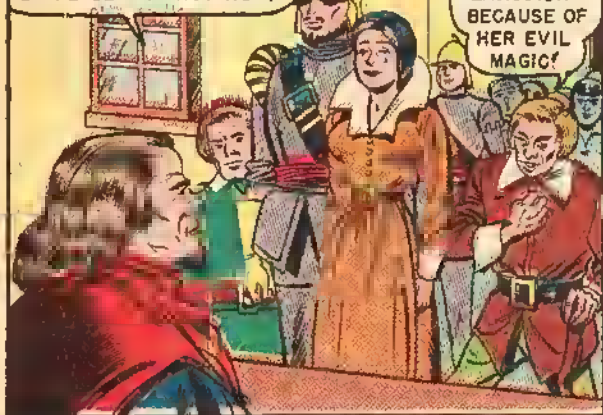




MORNING COMES, AND WITH IT THE TRIAL...

COMES NOW THANKFUL MARLOWE TO ANSWER ACCUSATIONS OF WITCHCRAFT! WHO BRINGS EVIDENCE AGAINST HER?

THAT WILL I, YOUR EXCELLENCY! I SUFFER AND LANGUISH BECAUSE OF HER EVIL MAGIC!



I READ HERE THAT SHE IS AN ORPHAN GIRL, OWNING THE FARM NEXT TO YOUR ESTATE, SQUIRE CRAFTON!

AYE! SHE ENVIES ME THOSE ACRES! SHE THREATENED TO KILL MY CATTLE... AND LATER OTHER NEIGHBORS SAW THEM DIE IN MYSTERIOUS AGONY!



I PLEADED WITH HER TO REMOVE THE SPELL! FOR ANSWER SHE CALLED DOWN A CURSE THAT MADE ME LAME, AS YOU SEE ME!

I, TOO, SWEAR TO THESE THINGS! I SAW THE DEAD CATTLE, AND TESTIFY THAT POOR SQUIRE CRAFTON IS LAME!



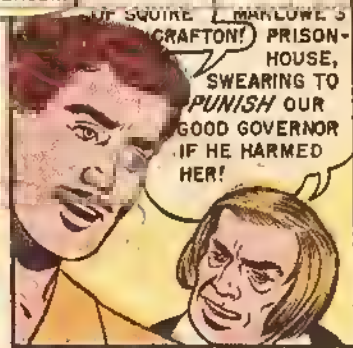
WHAT ANSWERS THE PRISONER TO THESE ACCUSATIONS?

PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE POOR LASS IS TOO FRIGHTENED TO SPEAK! LET ME OFFER A DEFENSE...



IT MIGHT BE A TRICK, A DECEIT... BY *SOMEONE* WHO COVETS THE ORPHAN'S ACRES AS SHE IS SAID TO COVET THE ACRES

NAY, BUT ONLY LAST NIGHT CAME MORE PROOF! STRANGE, GHASTLY SHAPES DANCED OUTSIDE THANKFUL SQUIRE MARLOWE'S CRAFTON! PRISON-HOUSE, SWEARING TO PUNISH OUR GOOD GOVERNOR IF HE HARMED HER!



IS THAT THE TRUTH? BY THE POWERS, I FEAR NO EVIL... MAN OR SPIRIT! IF THREATS WERE UTTERED AGAINST ME...

YOUR EXCELLENCY, I GRAVE INDULGENCE FOR THIS POOR TERRIFIED CHILD! SHE HAS FAINTED!



LET HER BE CARED FOR IN HER CELL, AND THE TRIAL'S END BE DELAYED UNTIL TOMORROW! IT WILL BE ONLY JUST!

AYE, JUSTICE MAY BE SERVED IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!



FOR IF SPIRITS OF EVIL PRANCE ABROAD BY NIGHT TO THREATEN ME, I MEAN TO SEE AND HEAR THEM MYSELF!





AGAIN NIGHT FALLS, AND IN THE PRISON HOUSE...

MY SOLE HOPE IS IN ERIC FALCON! IF HE CAN...WHAT'S THAT?

THANKFUL...  
THANKFUL MARLOWE...



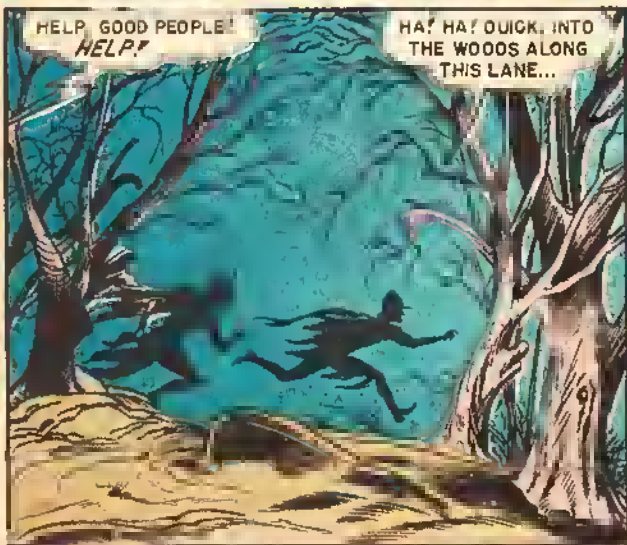
WE ARE FAITHFUL TO YOUR MAGIC POWER, THANKFUL! ALL THE HOSTS OF EVIL SPIRITS GATHER TO AID YOU!

I KNOW YOU NOT! YOU SPEAK LIES TO HELP CONVICT ME! GO, OR I CALL FOR HELP!



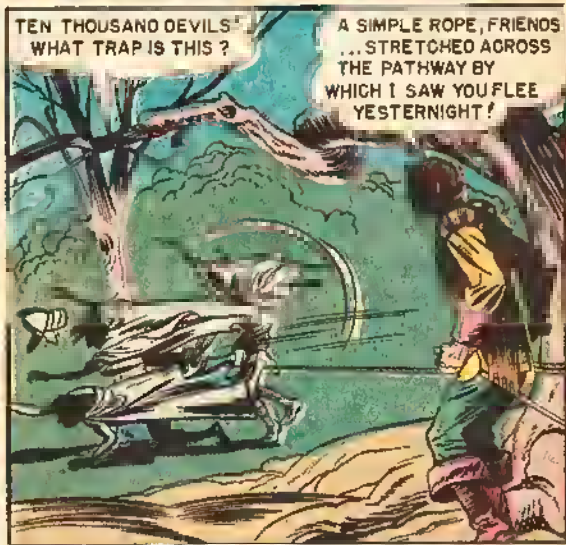
HELP, GOOD PEOPLE! HELP!

HA? HA! QUICK, INTO THE WOODS ALONG THIS LANE...



TEN THOUSAND DEVILS! WHAT TRAP IS THIS?

A SIMPLE ROPE, FRIENDS... STRETCHED ACROSS THE PATHWAY BY WHICH I SAW YOU FLEE YESTERNIGHT!



WHAT DO YOU TRY HERE, ERIC FALCON?

EGAD, THE VOICE IS SQUIRE CRAFTON'S! YOU ARE NIMBLE WHEN YOU NEED NOT *PRETEND* TO A BEWITCHED LAMENESS!

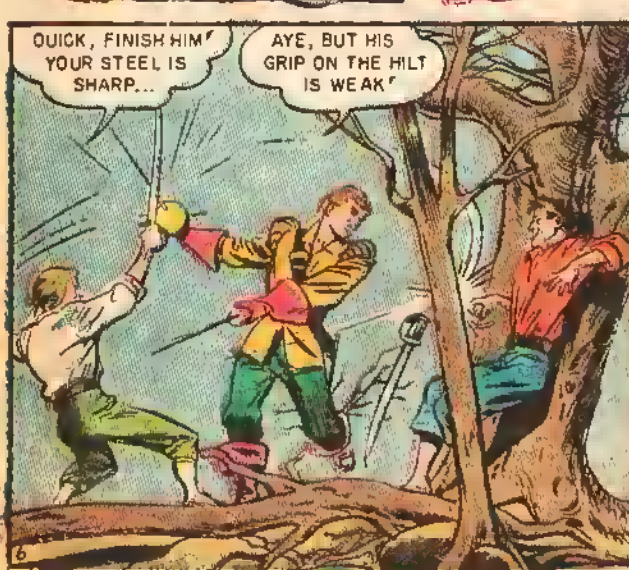
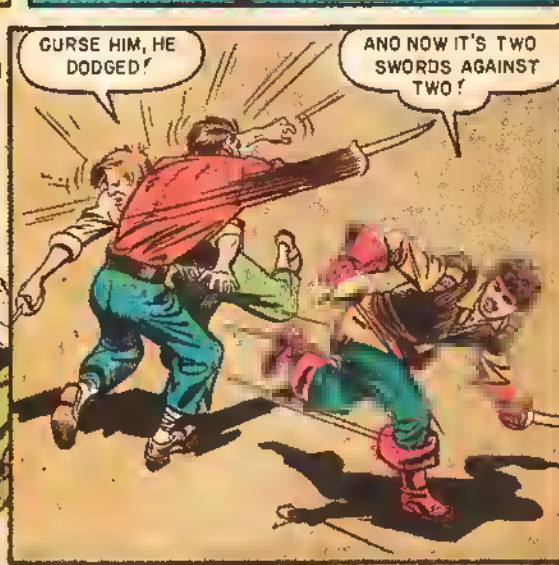
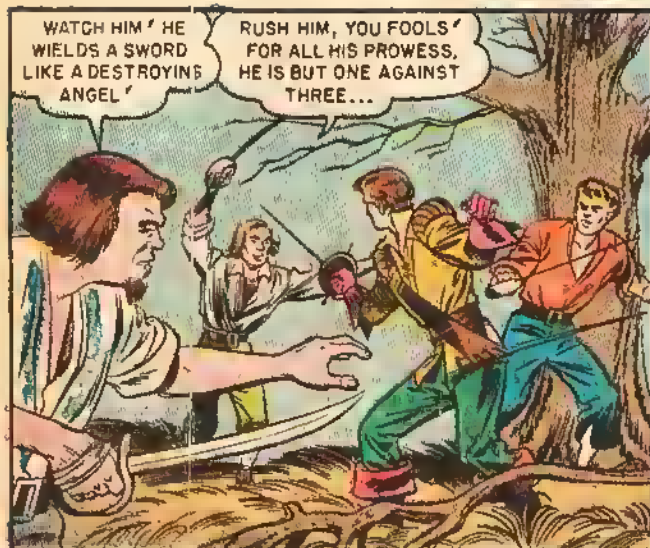


THERE IS A FINE MOON TONIGHT, FELLOW! ENOUGH LIGHT TO RECOGNIZE YOU BY!

A YE, AND ENOUGH LIGHT TO KILL YOU BY! DRAW UPON HIM, FRIENDS!









NAY, I CAST MY WEAPON ASIDE! I DOUBT IF YOU WOULD SLAY A HELPLESS MAN!

YOU JUDGE ME ARIGHT! COME THEN, AND TELL THE COLONY HOW YOU TRIED TO SLAY A HELPLESS GIRL!

YOU DO NOT OENY THAT YOU WANTED HER LANDS, AND WITH YOUR SKULKING SERVANTS TRUMPED UP THE WITCHCRAFT CHARGE AGAINST HER!

FREELY I AOMIT AS MUCH TO YOU! BUT AOMITTING IT TO OTHERS... THAT I WILL NOT DO!

I AM A RESPECTED COLONIST HERE, YOU ARE A STRANGER! THERE IS BUT YOUR WORD AGAINST

YOU ARE WRONG, CRAFTON, OTHERS, TOO, CAME TO WATCH FOR THE SUPPOSED EVIL SPIRITS AT THE PRISON HOUSE...



GOVERNOR LINSTOCK HAS SEEN AND HEARD YOUR GUILT, CRAFTON! COME, HE WILL ARREST YOU FOR YOUR LIES AND CRIMES!

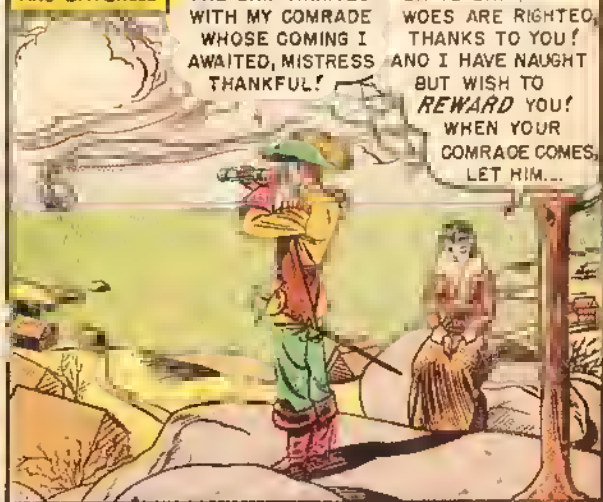
BRING HIM ALONG, YOUNG SIR! AND I MUST RELEASE THANKFUL MARLOWE AND BEG HER FORGIVENESS FOR OUR FALSE SUSPICION!



AND LATER...

THE SHIP ARRIVES WITH MY COMRADE WHOSE COMING I AWAITED, MISTRESS THANKFUL!

BRAVE ERIC, MY WOES ARE RIGHTED, THANKS TO YOU! AND I HAVE NAUGHT BUT WISH TO REWARD YOU! WHEN YOUR COMRADE COMES, LET HIM...



NOT "HIM", THANKFUL! MY COMRADE IS THE LOVELY LADY FORTUNA, IN WHOSE SERVICE I PERFORM SUCH SMALL DEEDS AS YOU ADMIRE!

ERIC, MY SWEET! HAPPY THE EYES THAT SEE YOU!



TRUE FORTUNA, MY ANGEL, I HAD SOME SLIGHT ADVENTURE WHILE WAITING FOR YOU...

ALAS, THAT I HAVE NOT REAL SORGERY TO MAKE HIM NOTICE ME!





# WOMAN'S WEAPON

"It is the simple truth, my sweet lady," said Captain Daring to the Lady Dolores as they watched the dancers at the birthday feast of her uncle, the governor of Illyria Colony. "All this wild land and this untamed sea of the new world offers itself to the man who dares face it. He needs no fortune. A brave heart, an honest character and, perchance, a ready sword." He touched the hilt of his own rapier.

"What of the women, Captain?" asked Dolores.

"The women?" repeated Captain Daring. "Egad, they are a necessity, too. They inspire, comfort and reward the triumphant adventurer. They are the prizes for which we strive, the—"

"I didn't mean that," she cut him off. "Can not women be brave and wise and true? Have they not weapons of their own?"

"Marry come up, they do," he smiled. "Your own weapons, lovely one, are bright eyes and sweet smiles. They pierce hearts as no shot or steel could."

"No other weapons?" She spread her hands. One held a sachet of perfumed powder.

"You mean that delicate scented dust you carry, Dolores," he said. "What can it avail, though? Gunpowder is more to my understanding."

A tall, richly-dressed cavalier walked proudly toward them. "Lady Dolores," he said in a rich, insistent voice, "I crave your company for the next minuet."

"But, Sir Dunstan," protested Dolores, "I do not mind promising it to you!"

"Then promise it to me now." To Captain Daring the fellow said, "This rover will surely allow Lady Dolores the relief of coming with me. She must be weary of your quarter-deck manners—the boorishness of a pirate, I think."

"Sir Dunstan," said Captain Daring, "I think that the Lady Dolores is not too eager to depart with you. Nor do I like your clumsy effort to pick a quarrel with me."

"Odeo!" cried Sir Dunstan mockingly. "And how would my prince of pirates, my lord of booters, pick a quarrel?"

"Much more efficiently," said Captain Daring, and rose. "Thus!"

A moment later the sea-adventurer's rugged fist had knocked the gay cavalier sprawling. There was a hubbub of excitement and a thronging of guests as Sir Dunstan rose, his face contorted with rage.

"You shall pay for that blow, Captain!" he snarled. "Here—now!"

"I was going to suggest that," said Captain

Daring. "Ladies and gentlemen, a few moments, please. Watch, while Sir Dunstan and I entertain you with swordplay."

Captain Daring was mystified. He knew that Sir Dunstan was jealous of his achievements, his fame, and his success with Dolores. But did the man actually dare meet him in fair combat? As their blades crossed, Captain Daring forbore to smile. The fellow was a sorry swordsman; it was almost a shame to draw his blood—

Suddenly, a blinding flash of light filled Captain Daring's eyes. He bowed quickly and sprang aside, just in time to avoid a murderous thrust. Only half seeing, he parried another lunge and retreated.

"Ha, the insolent sea-dog flees!" laughed Sir Dunstan.

"But for the moment," said Captain Daring, and thrust quickly. But at the moment, the light blinded him again. Sir Dunstan swept his blade aside, and his counter thrust ripped Captain Daring's collar.

Captain Daring shook his head to clear his vision. He engaged Sir Dunstan's blade, foiled one more thrust. His own point threatened the other's throat, and as Sir Dunstan flinched back, Captain Daring shifted his attack, lunged smoothly, and ran his enemy neatly through the sword arm.

"Attend his wound, some of you," said Captain Daring. "I could have killed him like a fly, but I choose to let him live and be wiser."

He walked away from the chattering crowd. Dolores followed him. "That was close," she said shakily.

"Not so," he comforted her. "He was a child before me. Had not some strange flash of light blinded me temporarily—"

"Don't you know what that was? A friend of his flashed a mirror to send the light into your eyes. Fortunately I spotted it and threw my own weapon."

"Weapon?" he repeated. "Where's your powder sachet?"

She smiled. "I ripped it open and tossed it. The powder struck the mirror and made it dim—just in time to keep you from being blinded for a third time, giving Sir Dunstan the chance to stab you. Now do you see what I mean when I speak of women and their weapons?"

"Gramercy, my fair lady," said Captain Daring, kissing her hand, "I cry you mercy for underestimating you. What would men be without women near at hand?"

"A lonesome lot," said Lady Dolores, sweetly.



# Black ROGER

AFTER THEIR LATEST VICTORIOUS ACTION AGAINST BARBARY PIRATES, BLACK ROGER'S MEN ARE ON SHORE LEAVE...BUT BLACK ROGER HIMSELF...

WE OFFER YOU, SIR, A POWERFUL NEW FIGHTING SHIP AND A PICKED CREW OF SAILORS AND FIGHTERS, TO CRUSH FOR EVER THE PLUN-

WELL, LET MY OWN CREW IDLE AND MY OWN SHIP BE REFIT-  
TED! BARTY IS THE ONLY COMRADE I'LL ADD TO YOUR ROSTER! WE SAIL WITH THE TIDE!

THE POWER OF LIGHTNING IS INVOKED AGAINST BLACK ROGER! WHEN HIS VALIANT SEA-FIGHTERS SWEEP THE OCEANS OF INFIDEL PI-RATES, HIS ENEMIES BROUGHT STRANGE AND TERRIBLE WEAPONS FROM THE UNKNOWN INTERIOR! AND THE SECRET OF THOSE WEAPONS WAS HELD BY THE BALEFUL, BEAUTIFUL KAHENA!!

AND SPIES BRING THE NEWS TO A CAPITAL OF THE MOSLEM MARAUDERS...

ALAS, O SHEIK! THE DEVIL CAPTAIN, BLACK ROGER, SAILS IN A GREAT NEW SHIP TO DE-STROY US ALL! WHAT SHALL BECOME OF US?

ALREADY OUR STOUTEST SEA-ROVERS HAVE RE-FUSED TO FACE HIM! OUR FATE IS IN THE HANDS OF ALLAH... MAY HE BE MERCIFUL!

MAIL, CITY COWARDS! I HEAR HOW YOUR MEN WILL NOT FIGHT BLACK ROGER! IT IS UP TO A WOMAN TO DARE THAT!

O SHAMELESS ONE, FROM WHAT SAVAGE PLACE DO YOU COME WITHOUT A VEIL ON YOUR FACE?







SHALL I STOP HIS  
INSULTING MOUTH,  
OH GREAT  
CHIEFTAINNESS?

NAY, DURADEEN! HE  
DOES NOT KNOW I  
AM KAHENA, WHO  
RULES THE MOUNTAINS  
OF KHOB! WOMEN GO  
UNVEILED THERE, AND  
SPEAK AS THEY  
PLEASE!



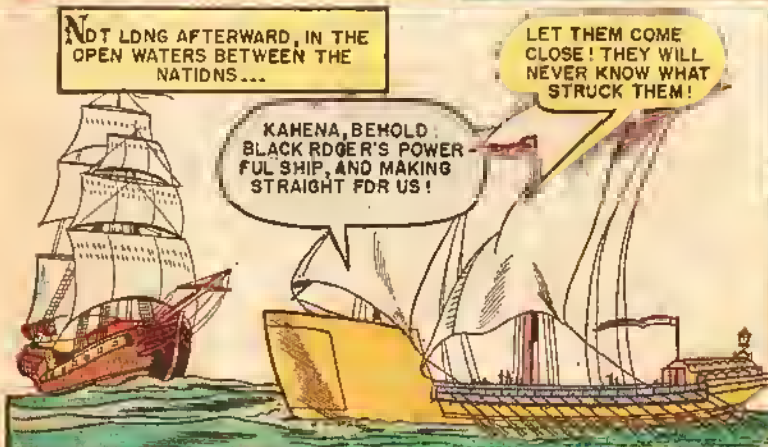
PARDON IF I  
WAS RUDE, MY  
LADY! OUR  
CITY TRADES  
WITH KHOB FOR  
THE METALS  
MINED AND  
WORKED THERE!

WE HAVE  
LATELY DONE  
SOMEWHAT OF  
METAL-WORK  
--- LOOK, IT  
COMES TO  
YOUR CITY  
BEHIND ME!



ALMADOLILLAH! IT WAS MADE TO  
NEVER  
SAWI SO  
LARGE  
AND  
TERRIBLE  
A...

IT WAS MADE TO  
DESTROY THIS  
TROUBLESOME BLACK  
ROGER! SINCE YOUR OWN  
SEA-CHIEFS REFUSE, I MY-  
SELF WILL COMMAND  
AGAINST HIM! GIVE ME A  
SHIP AND A CREW TO TAKE  
MY WEAPON INTO BATTLE!



NOT LONG AFTERWARD, IN THE  
OPEN WATERS BETWEEN THE  
NATIONS...

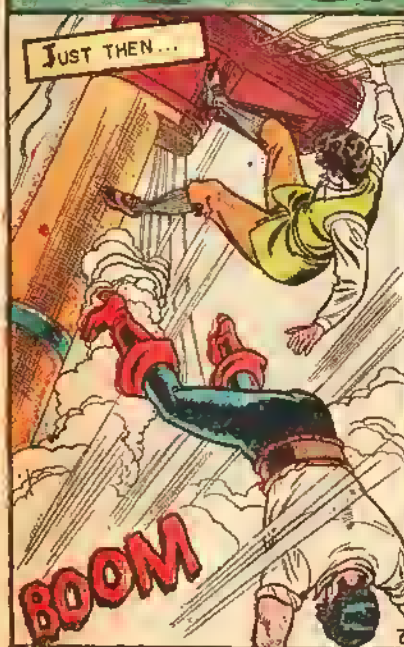
KAHENA, BEHOLD  
BLACK ROGER'S POWER-  
FUL SHIP, AND MAKING  
STRAIGHT FOR US!

LET THEM COME  
CLOSE! THEY WILL  
NEVER KNOW WHAT  
STRUCK THEM!



WHAT  
DID YOU  
SEE FROM  
YOUR  
LOOKOUT  
POSITION,  
BARTY?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A  
FIGHTING CRAFT, BLACK  
ROGER! BUT WATCH... A  
BIG DOOR SEEMS TO BE  
OPENING IN THE PROW...



JUST THEN...

AND WHEN BLACK ROGER'S  
SENSES RETURN...

WHAT  
WAS IT  
STUNNED  
ME,  
BARTY?

I KNOW NO MORE  
THAN YOU, BLACK  
ROGER! LIGHTNING  
SEEMED TO KNOCK  
OUR SHIP INTO  
NOTHING! WE WERE  
THROWN CLEAR  
WITH THIS PIECE  
OF MAST!

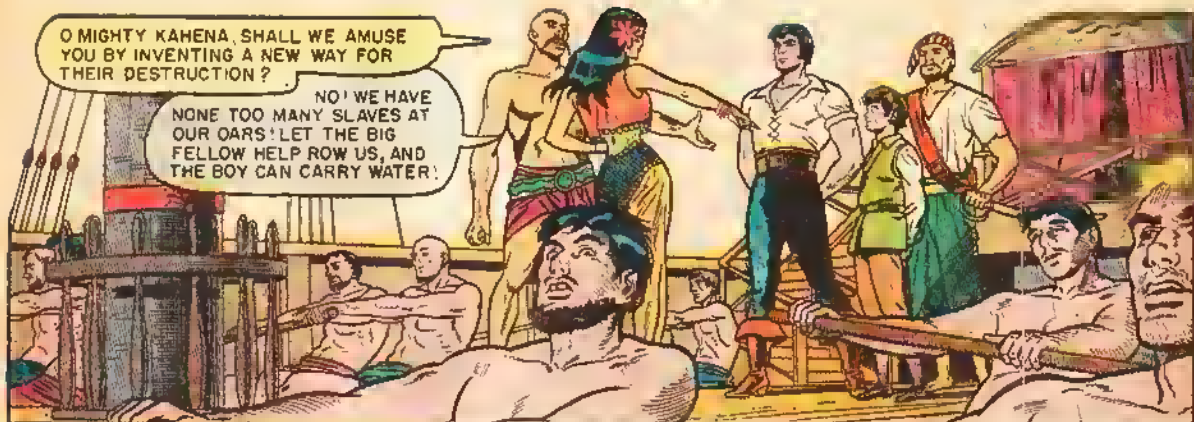


LOOK! TWO OF  
THE ENEMY  
ARE AFLOAT  
HERE!

WE'LL PICK THEM UP  
AND CARRY THEM  
BEFORE KAHENA!

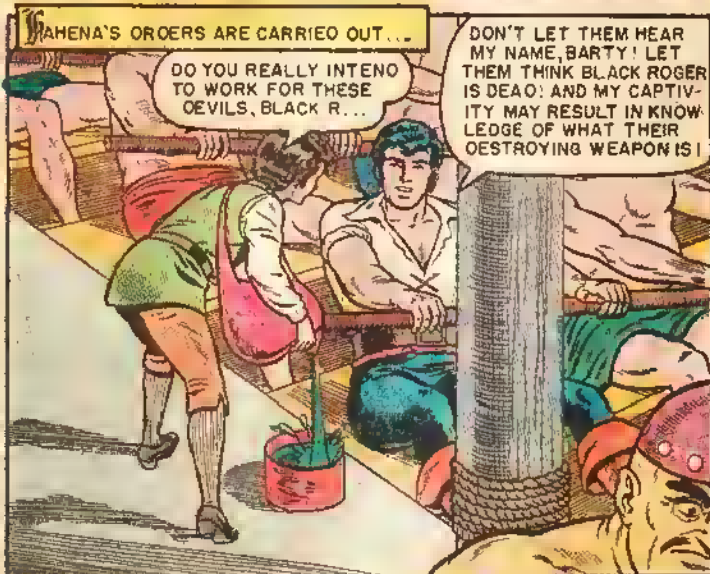






O MIGHTY KAHENA, SHALL WE AMUSE YOU BY INVENTING A NEW WAY FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION?

NO! WE HAVE NONE TOO MANY SLAVES AT OUR OARS! LET THE BIG FELLOW HELP ROW US, AND THE BOY CAN CARRY WATER!



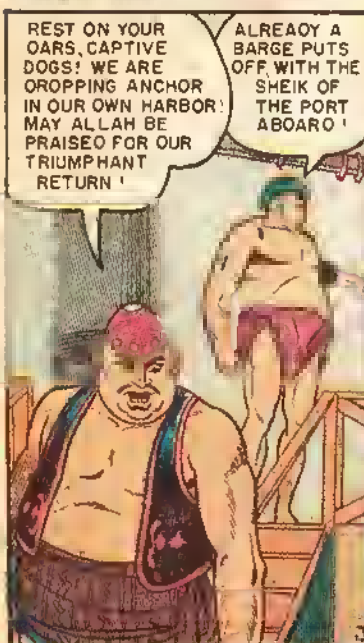
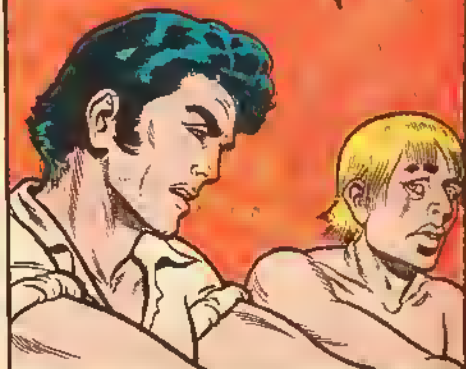
KAHENA'S ORDERS ARE CARRIED OUT...

DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO WORK FOR THESE DEVILS, BLACK R...

DON'T LET THEM HEAR MY NAME, BARTY! LET THEM THINK BLACK ROGER IS DEAD! AND MY CAPTIVITY MAY RESULT IN KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THEIR DESTROYING WEAPON IS!

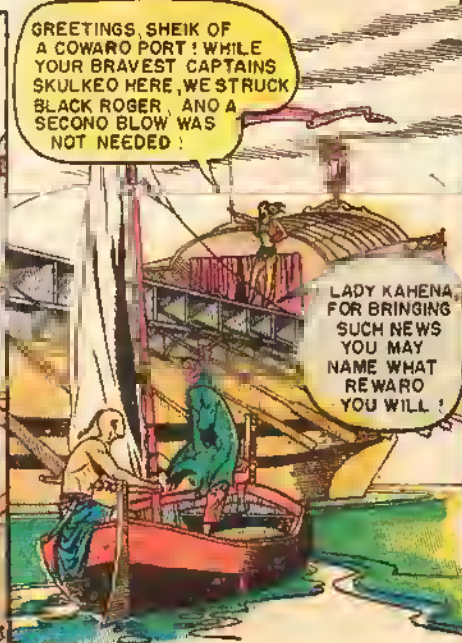
WHERE ARE THEY MAKING US ROW THEM, MATE?

TO THEIR HOME PORT! THE VICTORY OVER BLACK ROGER WILL BE REASON FOR DAYS OF REJOICING AMONG THE INFIDELS!



REST ON YOUR OARS, CAPTIVE DOGS! WE ARE DROPPING ANCHOR IN OUR OWN HARBOR! MAY ALLAH BE PRAISED FOR OUR TRIUMPHANT RETURN!

ALREADY A BARGE PUTS OFF WITH THE SHEIK OF THE PORT ABOARD!



GREETINGS, SHEIK OF A COWARD PORT! WHILE YOUR BRAVEST CAPTAINS SKULKEO HERE, WE STRUCK BLACK ROGER, AND A SECONO BLOW WAS NOT NEEDED!

LADY KAHENA FOR BRINGING SUCH NEWS YOU MAY NAME WHAT REWARD YOU WILL!



SUPPOSE I ASK FOR THE RULE OF YOUR CITY?

A WOMAN RULE US? SUCH A STRANGE THING HAS NEVER BEEN!



NO...NO WOMAN HAS RULED! ONLY MEN... WHO DARED NOT FACE BLACK ROGER!

THIS IS A DEEP MATTER, BY ALLAH! COME, SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL OF THE PORT! THEY SHALL DECIDE!

AND SO...

IT IS THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL THAT THE LADY KAHENA IS OUR CITY'S RULER! HAD WE NOT SO DECIDED...

HAD YOU NOT, MY WEAPON IN THE SHIP YONDER WOULD HAVE DESTROYED YOU! I LEFT DURADEEN ABOARD, WITH CERTAIN SPECIAL ORDERS!

ABOARD THE SHIP...

PSST!! I STOLE THIS TOOTHPICK FROM ONE OF THE CREW!

ALL THANKS, BARTY! STAND BY TO HELP ME WHEN...

... I GET FREE AND GO TO LOOK AT THAT STRANGE WEAPON OF THEIRS!

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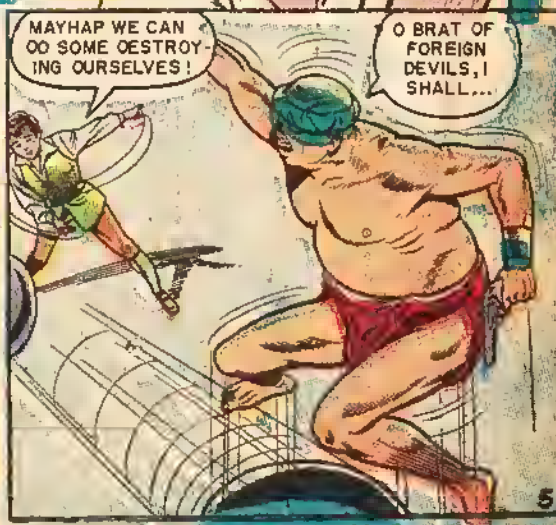
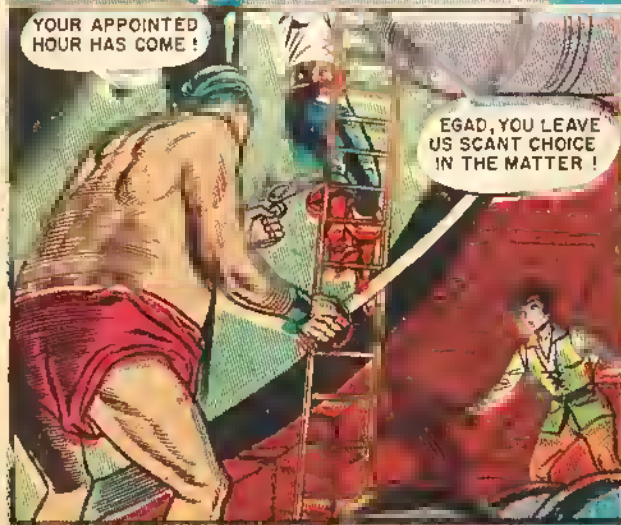
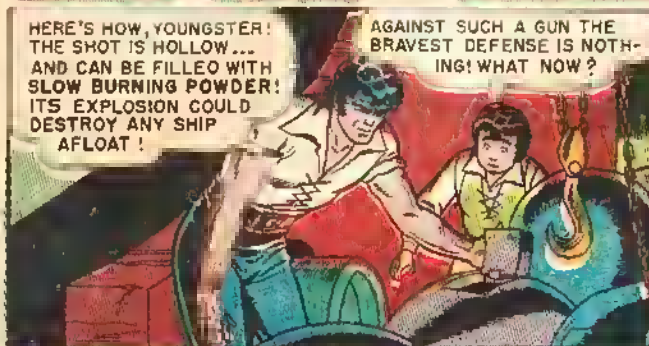
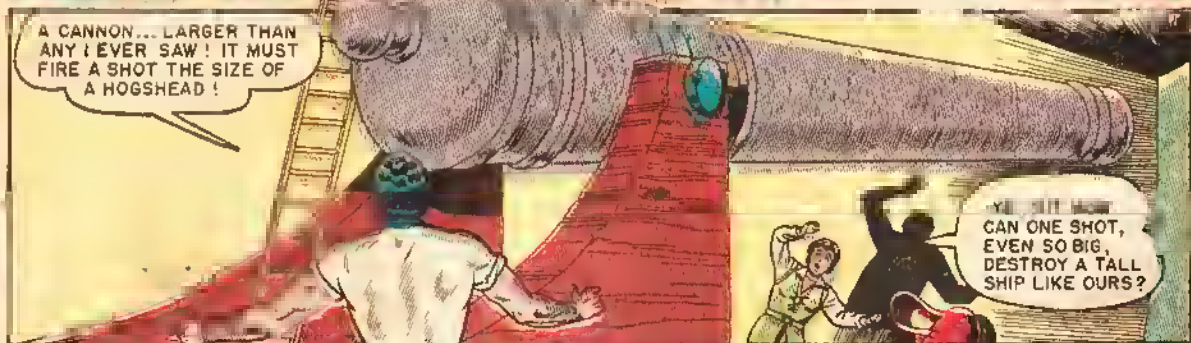
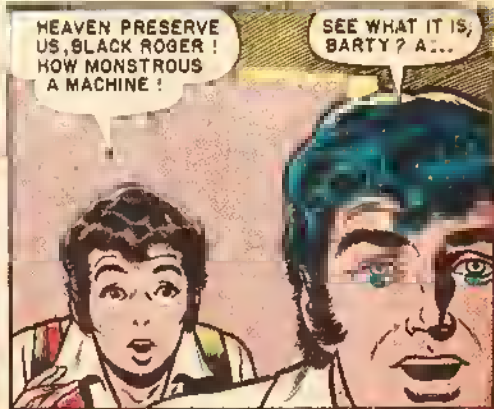
WHAT'S INSIDE THERE?

ASK NO QUESTIONS, LITTLE ONE, LEST YOU HEAR THE ANSWER IN THE INFERNO KEPT FOR SAUCY YOUNG UNBELIEVERS!

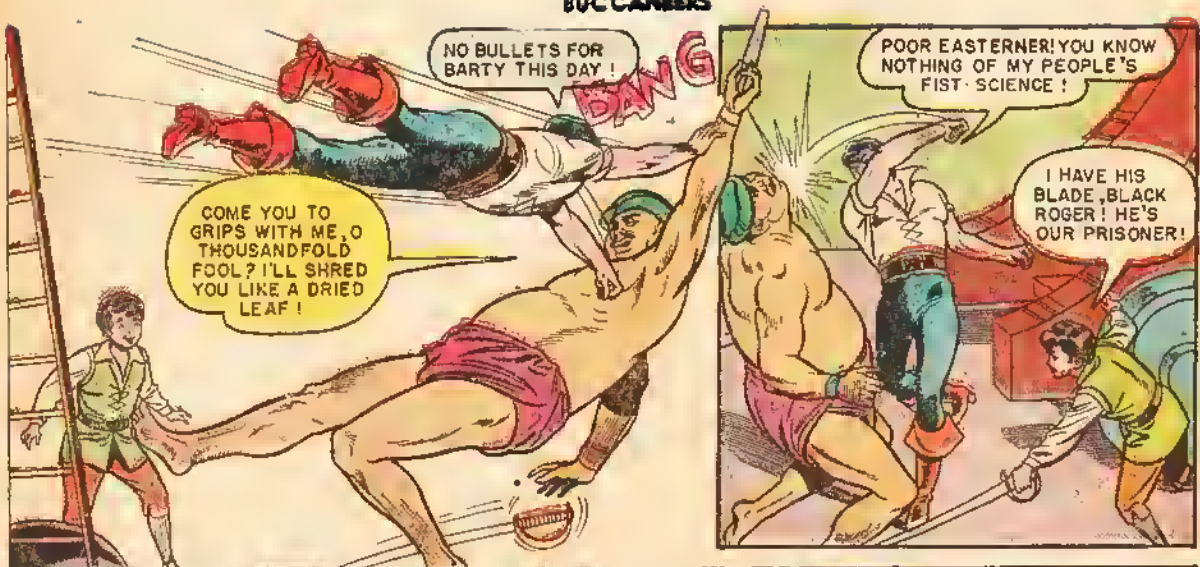
I HATE TO STRIKE ANYBODY FROM BEHIND, BUT THIS IS A DESPERATE CASE!

YOU BEEFED HIM STURDILY, BLACK ROGER! HERE, I'LL CLIP THE KEY!









NO BULLETS FOR BARTY THIS DAY!

BANG

POOR EASTERNER! YOU KNOW NOTHING OF MY PEOPLE'S FIST-SCIENCE!

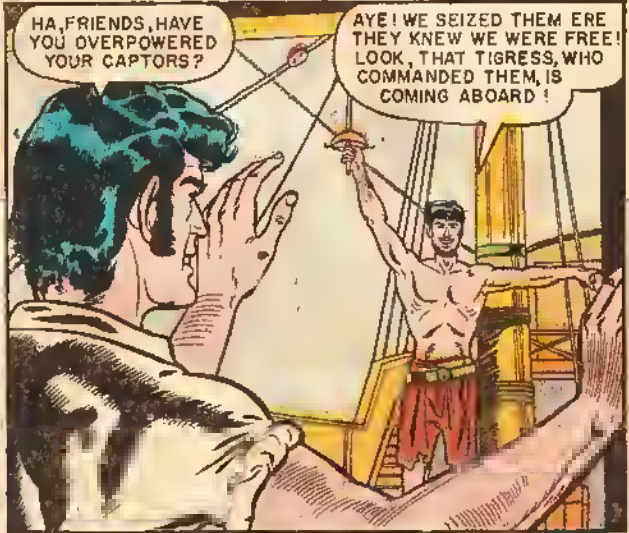
I HAVE HIS BLADE, BLACK ROGER! HE'S OUR PRISONER!

COME YOU TO GRIPS WITH ME, O THOUSANDFOLD FOOL? I'LL SHRED YOU LIKE A DRIED LEAF!



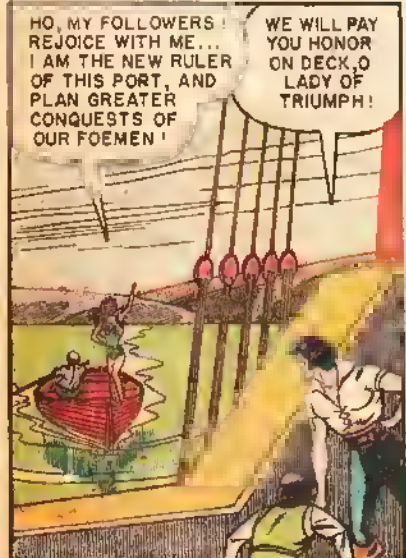
LAUGH WHILE YOU HAVE THE TIME, DEVILS! MY MATES ABOARD THIS SHIP WILL FREE ME!

I THINK NOT! YOUR MATES HAVE THEIR HANDS MORE THAN FULL OUTSIDE!



HA, FRIENDS, HAVE YOU OVERPOWERED YOUR CAPTORS?

AYE! WE SEIZED THEM ERE. THEY KNEW WE WERE FREE! LOOK, THAT TIGRESS, WHO COMMANDED THEM, IS COMING ABOARD!



HO, MY FOLLOWERS! REJOICE WITH ME... I AM THE NEW RULER OF THIS PORT, AND PLAN GREATER CONQUESTS OF OUR FOEMEN!

WE WILL PAY YOU HONOR ON DECK, O LADY OF TRIUMPH!



YOU ARE OUR PRISONER! WE WAITED FOR YOU, THAT YOU MIGHT COME HOME WITH US TO HELP TELL OUR STORY!

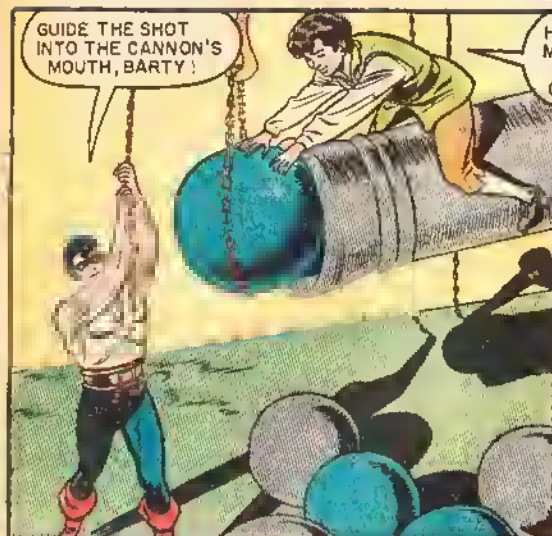
THINK YOU THAT YOU CAN KEEP ME IF THIS SHIP PUTS OUT FROM HARBOR, THE COUNCIL WILL ORDER A FLEET TO FOLLOW!



EVEN IF I DIE IN THE BATTLE, SO SHALL YOU!

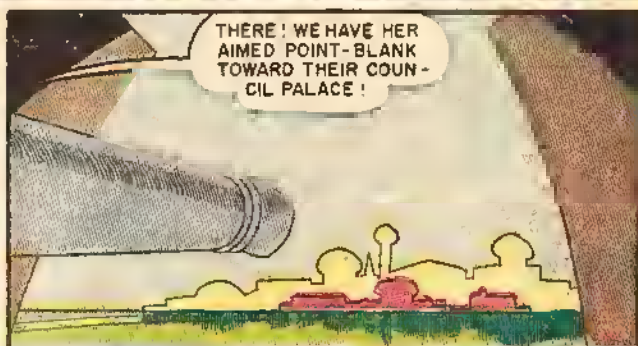
GUARD HER, MATE! BARTY AND I HAVE BUSINESS IN THE FOREHOLD!





GUIDE THE SHOT INTO THE CANNON'S MOUTH, BARTY!

HALF AN INCH MORE AND OUR LOADING IS COMPLETED!



THERE! WE HAVE HER AIMED POINT-BLANK TOWARD THEIR COUNCIL PALACE!



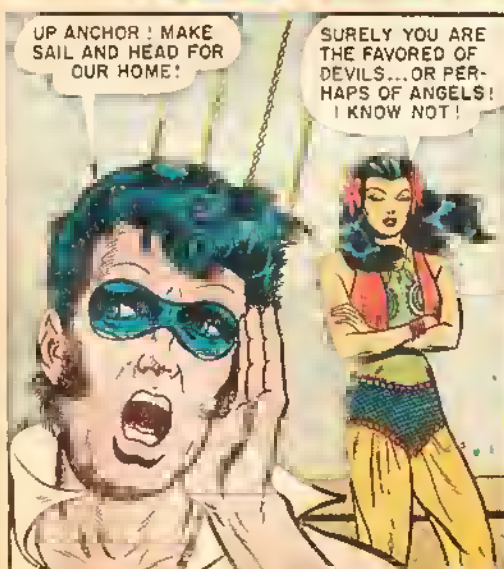
AT THAT MOMENT...

KAHENA RETURNS NOT! PERHAPS WE HAD BEST ORDER OTHERS TO JOIN HER!

BE IT AS YOU SAY...

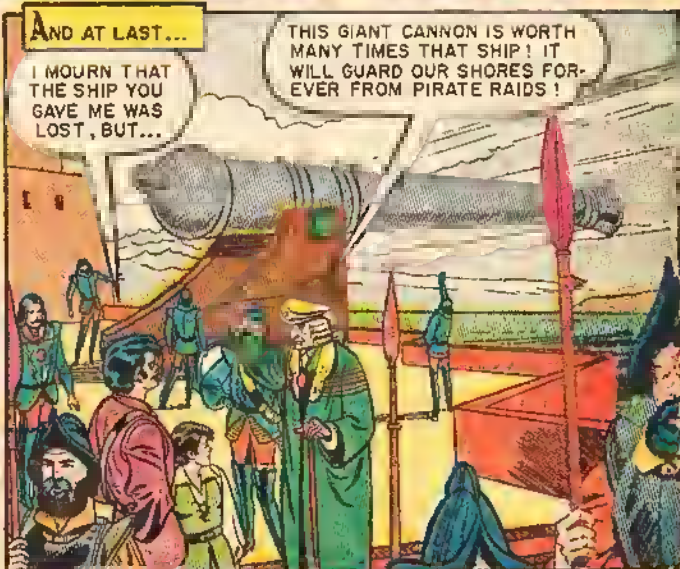


THE SHOT STRIKES ITS MARK AND EXPLODES!



UP ANCHOR! MAKE SAIL AND HEAD FOR OUR HOME!

SURELY YOU ARE THE FAVORED OF DEVILS...OR PERHAPS OF ANGELS! I KNOW NOT!



AND AT LAST...

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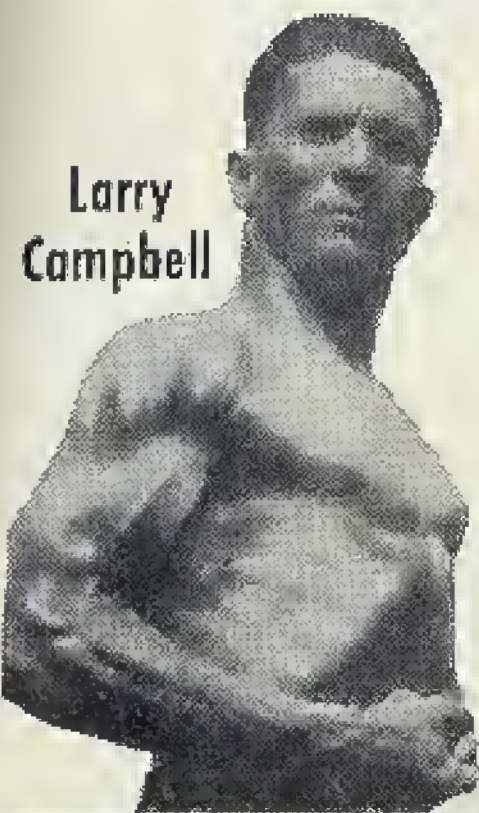
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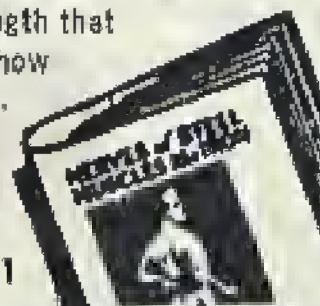
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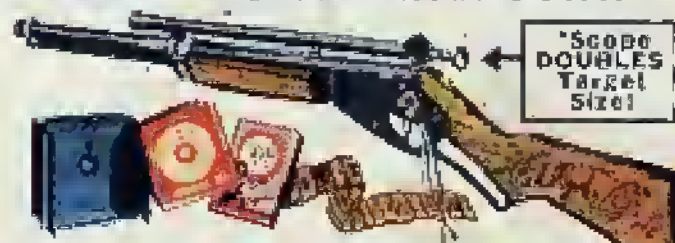
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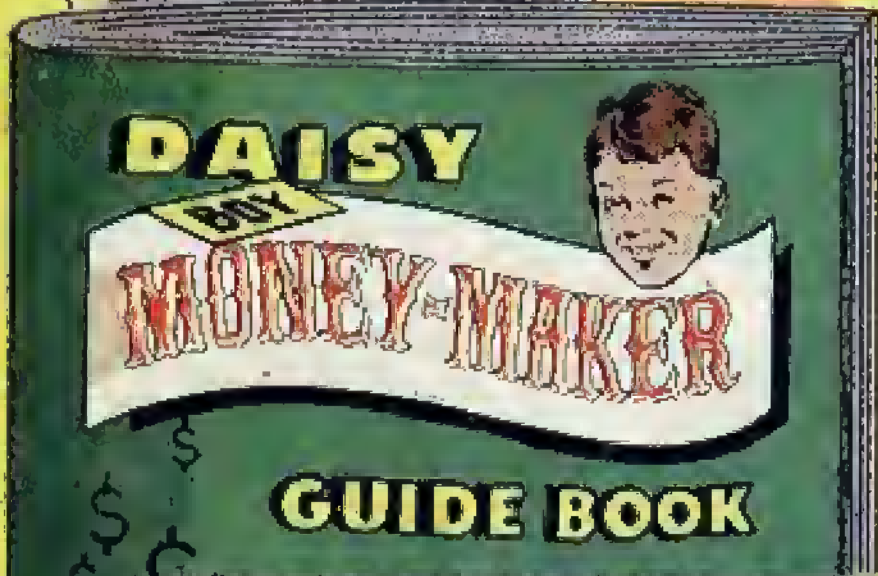
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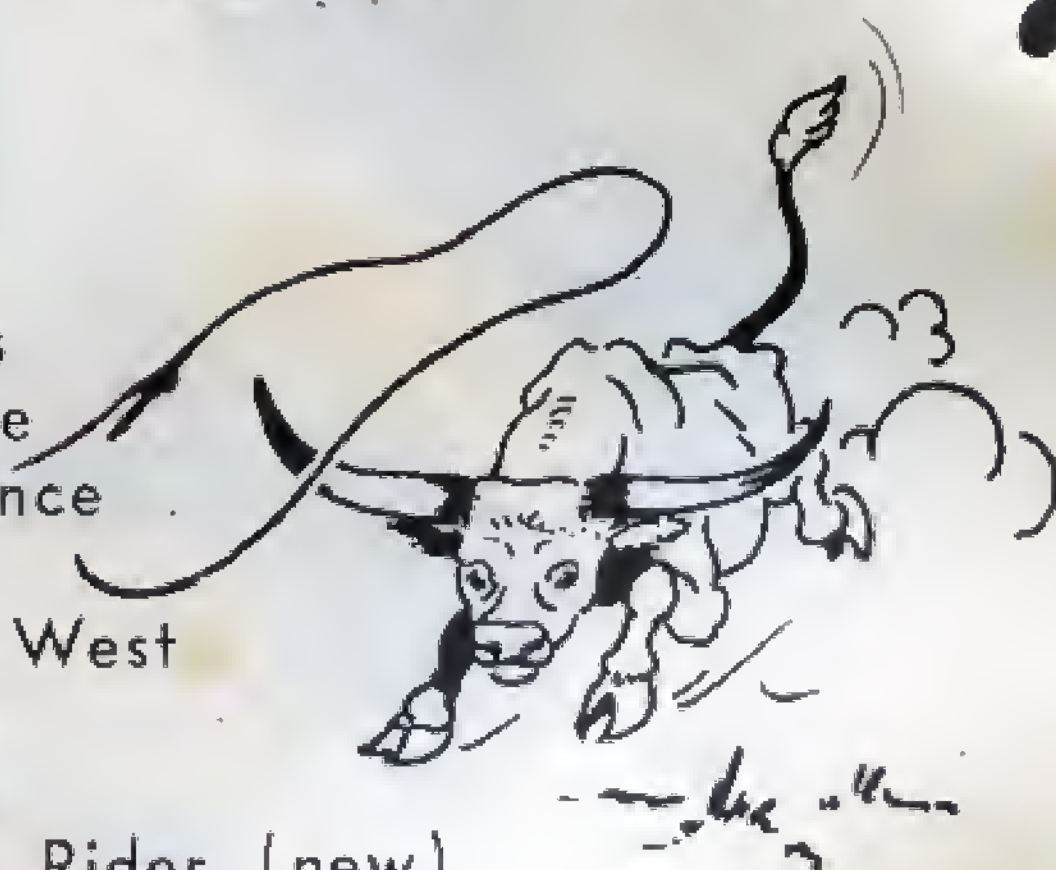




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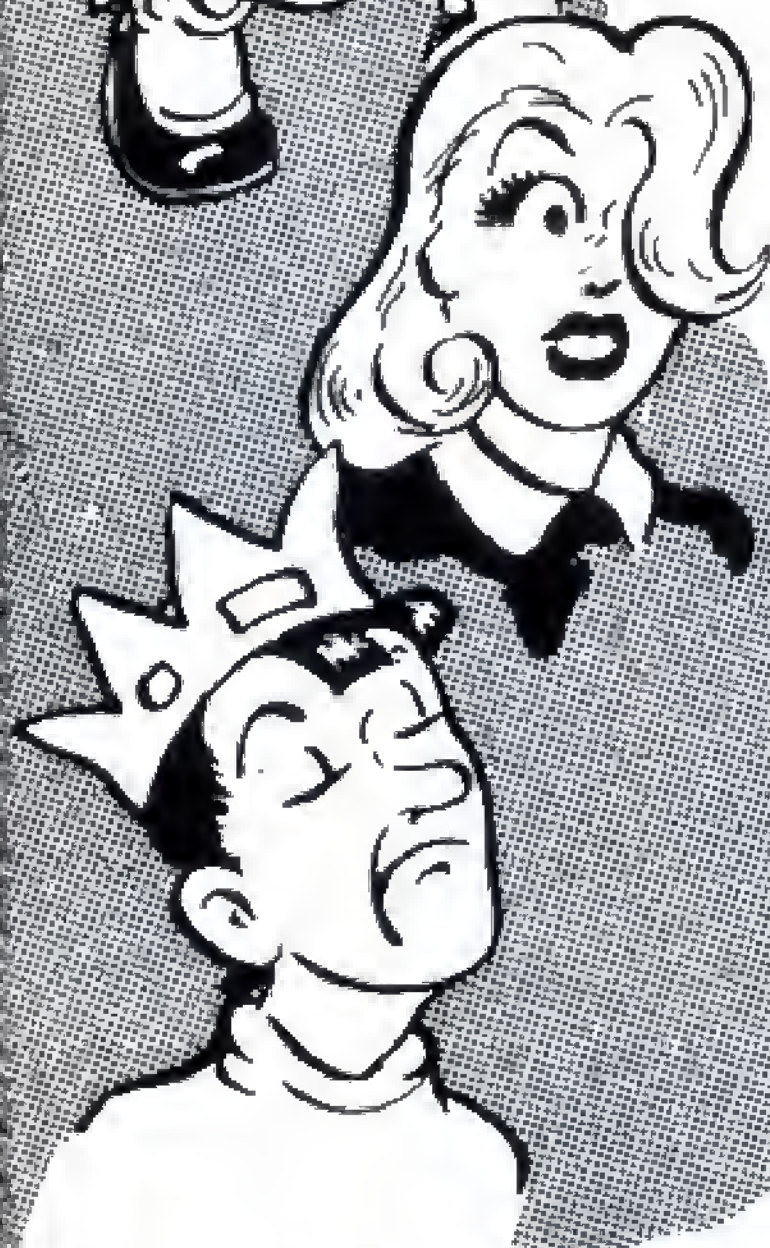
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